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NEW JERSEY



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1936

MAYOR

MARTIN B. STUTSMAN

PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

FREDERIC W. GODDARD

MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

RICHARD T. BUESCHEL
FREDERIC W. GODDARD
JOHN N. CLAYBROOK
RAYMOND C. BECK

FIRST WARD
SECOND WARD
THIRD WARD
FOURTH WARD

GEORGE F. HETFIELD
DIXON C. PHILIPS
B. WINTHROP PIZZINI
GUSTAV H. MULLER

COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE

HARVEY R. LINBARGER

ANITA S. QUARLES

JOHN W. ZEREGA

Raymond C. Beck, resigned 9-9-36, and was succeeded by Samuel B. Dorman who was elected by the Common Council 9-21-36 to fill the vacancy until the General election, November, 1936, at which time James F. Whitney was elected to fill the unexpired term of Raymond C. Beck.

Stenographer to the Common Council and its Committees

NORMAN E. SMALLEY (Resigned 10-15-36)

ELFERT C. BURFEIND

OFFICERS

City Clerk	FRED TOEGEL
City Treasurer	ARTHUR E. CRONE
Tax Collector	JOHN C. DILTS
Corporation Counsel	WILLIAM NEWCORN
City Engineer	H. EDWIN BUSH
City Judge	WILLIAM G. DE MEZA
City Court Clerk	S. MONROE STAATS
Chief of Police	CHARLES A. FLYNN
Chief of the Fire Department	WESLEY J. DUNN
City Physician	ABRAHAM STROM, M.D.
Overseer of the Poor	ELPIDIO YANNOTTA
Supervisor of Municipal Finances and Accounts	ROSS R. DEARDORFF

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ANITA S. QUARLES	Finance
JOHN N. CLAYBROOK	HARVEY R. LINBARGER
RICHARD T. BUESCHEL	B. WINTHROP PIZZINI
DIXON C. PHILIPS	JOHN W. ZEREGA
	FREDERIC W. GODDARD
JOHN W. ZEREGA	Chairman
JOHN N. CLAYBROOK	Streets and Sewers
	Fire
HARVEY R. LINBARGER	Chairman
GUSTAV H. MULLER	JOHN W. ZEREGA
	Parks and Public Buildings
RAYMOND C. BECK	Chairman
DIXON C. PHILIPS	ANITA S. QUARLES
	Police
DIXON C. PHILIPS	Chairman
GEORGE F. HETFIELD	B. WINTHROP PIZZINI
	Street Lighting
RICHARD T. BUESCHEL	Chairman
HARVEY R. LINBARGER	RAYMOND C. BECK
	Welfare
JOHN N. CLAYBROOK	Chairman
ANITA S. QUARLES	DIXON C. PHILIPS
	Tax
B. WINTHROP PIZZINI	Chairman
JOHN W. ZEREGA	JOHN N. CLAYBROOK
	License
GEORGE F. HETFIELD	Chairman
B. WINTHROP PIZZINI	HARVEY R. LINBARGER
	Auditing
GUSTAV H. MULLER	Chairman
RAYMOND C. BECK	RICHARD T. BUESCHEL

NOTE: Owing to the resignation of Mr. Beck as of September 9, 1936, the election of Mr. Dorman and the election of Mr. Whitney at the General Election, some changes were made in the Committees.

117731 FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

JOHN W. LYNESS Judge
 ROBERT T. SKINNER Clerk
 LOUIS R. HARDING Sergeant-at-Arms

BOARD OF POLICE

MARTIN B. STUTSMAN, Mayor Chairman
 DIXON C. PHILIPS Secretary
 GEORGE F. HETFIELD B. WINTHROP PIZZINI
 FREDERIC W. GODDARD, President of the Common Council

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

CHARLES A. PETERSON, Chairman First Ward
 JOHN C. BICKNELL Second Ward
 RUFUS C. LAREW Third Ward
 CLARENCE BROUARD Fourth Ward
 HARVEY R. THORN Clerk

COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENTS

HERMAN KLING Chairman
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 ELMER P. WEIGEL Vice-President
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 FREDERIC W. COOK Superintendent of Schools
 GEORGE B. ZIMMER Secretary

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 SUSAN D. VAIL Office Secretary and Registrar of Vital Statistics

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 JOSEPH W. SANDFORD President
 ARTHUR E. CRONE, City Treasurer Treasurer
 CHARLES E. LOIZEAUX FREDERICK T. JACOBI

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GEORGE S. CLAY HENRY T. WHITTON LUTHER S. AYER
 HENRY L. DEFOREST WILLIAM G. McDOWELL

PENSION COMMISSION

MARTIN B. STUTSMAN, Mayor Chairman
 ARTHUR E. CRONE, City Treasurer Secretary
 GEORGE LEORCH Representing the Police Department
 PAUL P. ADAMS Representing the Fire Department
 DAVID J. SCOTT Citizen

BOARD OF APPEALS (BUILDING DEPARTMENT)

W. J. DOUGLAS Chairman
 CHARLES GILMAN Secretary
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SAMUEL SCHWARTZ	SEYMOUR PERKINS
	MICHAEL D. O'KEEFFE

BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

MARTIN B. STUTSMAN	Mayor
FREDERIC W. GODDARD (1-1-36—1-6-36)	Member from Common Council
ANITA S. QUARLES (1-1-36—1-6-36, 1-6-36—3-12-36)	Member from Common Council
RAYMOND C. BECK (3-12-36—3-16-36)	Member from Common Council
HARVEY R. LINBARGER (3-16-36—1-1-37)	Member from Common Council
B. WINTHROP PIZZINI	Member from Common Council
DE WITT D. BARLOW	Member from Board of Education
WILLARD W. JAMES	Member from Board of Education

GENERAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

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Population, per April 1930 Federal Census	34,422
Net Valuation taxable at local rate	\$60,172,237
Tax Rate for \$100.00	3.61

For data respecting miles of streets, length of improved streets, miles of storm and sanitary sewers, and related matters, see Report of the City Engineer.

For data respecting assessed valuation and related matters, see Report of the Clerk of the Board of Assessors.

Plainfield possesses the natural advantages of an ideal suburban City, including:—

Abundance of pure and wholesome water;

One of the finest school systems in the State (13 buildings);

Located twenty-four miles from New York City, with excellent train service, being located on the main line of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, express trains making the trip in forty-five minutes.

Churches of many denominations.

Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and Y. M. — Y. W. H. A.,

A colored Y. M. C. A. (Moorland Branch).

Public Library and Art Gallery, the fourth oldest in the State.

City Hall housing the governmental departments, except Police and Fire Departments; also the Charity Organization, and the Fourth Judicial District Court.

Police Department, housed in its own building.

Fire Department, housed in three buildings.

An active Chamber of Commerce.

Six Banks (two National, three Trust and one Savings).

Seven Building and Loan Associations.

Two of the County Parks (Green Brook and Cedar Brook), and one City Park (Library Square).

Several golf courses are located near the city limits.

Numerous fraternal, service and other clubs.

Boys' and girls' private schools with wide enrollment.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

January 1, 1937

The Honorable President and Members
of the Plainfield City Council:

Among the first tasks that will engage your attention is possibly the most important one of the year: the City Budget. In that connection I should like to advise with you briefly on the subject of taxation.

It seems to me that in order to view the subject in its true light we must bear in mind the peculiar tax situation in New Jersey. New Jersey is almost unique among the states in that with us the cost of local government and public services is borne almost exclusively by taxes upon fixed assets; that is, real and personal property. In most other states these are supplemented by income or sales taxes or both, and the trend has been increasingly in that direction. In New Jersey the trend has been opposite. Other sources of revenue have been abandoned or dried up and have not been replaced with the result that the tax burden on property has continually increased.

On the other side of the account, new burdens have been added; in chief, the cost of relief. Since the municipalities and counties have to rely chiefly on the taxes on real and personal property, it follows that those two accounts are now called on to bear practically the whole tax load. As you know, we had in effect last year a state sales tax, but that was repealed because it was generally felt, and I think rightly, that it added to the cost of the necessities of life. Nothing was substituted for it.

Now let us examine the situation that is left. The sales tax was one of the props beneath the load to be borne by taxation. When it was removed the other props were called upon to bear more. In fact, real and personal property were called upon to take it all. But what does that mean to the citizen? It seems to me very clear. Real property, in residential communities such as ours, is the home. A tax on real property is therefore a tax on one of the two elementary necessities of life - shelter - the other being food. So we find ourselves in what seems to me the rather illogical position of having repealed a tax because it bore in part on one of the necessities of life, to wit: food, and then letting the load settle down upon the other vital necessity, shelter; not in part, but in whole.

The objection to a tax on necessities is that it places the greatest part of the tax burden on those least able to bear it. I think that is the situation in our state today. Its effect has been bad. Under it ratables have shrunk. With decreased ratables the tax rates rise, since costs cannot be cut to compensate the shrinkage, and so the evil grows by feeding upon itself. A remedy is imperative. There is little that we in the city government can do about it directly, but I feel that we must do what we can.

My suggestion is that you study the question, and if you arrive at a conclusion on it, that you express yourselves in a memorial to the Governor and our representatives at Trenton, petitioning them for appropriate legislation. I am confident that there will be many such petitions from other sources.

I think that the remedy is to shift the load, at least in part, from the home to the income. My preference is for a state income tax, the proceeds to be earmarked for some definite item or items of governmental cost now in effect (thereby insuring no increase in the total tax burden). A sales tax, even with the necessities of life exempt, is open to the objection that it tends to stifle trade and drive it elsewhere, but I think it preferable to the system that we now have. The income tax, in my opinion, is the best form of taxation. It places the burden on those best able to bear it, and it is levied against live money, as contrasted with fixed and often unproductive assets. Our state is one of the very few in this part of the country that has not recognized and availed itself of this advantage.

I have dwelt on the State situation, as I think our budget problem must be solved in the light of it.

Real property is overburdened. I am sure you will prepare your budget with that in view. I have indicated that I think the chief remedy is state tax legislation; but there are steps that we can take within our own establishment.

The revenues of the city derive from two sources: (1) the tax on real and personal property, and (2) the accounts grouped under the head of Miscellaneous Revenue: the latter being chiefly franchise taxes, and license

and other fees. I hope that you will study the Miscellaneous Revenue accounts with a view to deciding whether they cannot be made more productive without working hardship. With returning prosperity it seems to me reasonable that the city should share in the increased profits of its concessionaires. Every dollar gained here is a dollar taken off the tax on the home.

CITY PROPERTY

As you know, the city property in the West End comprises an area of upwards of 30 acres, most of it eligible for improvement and private use. Considerable potential tax revenue lies there awaiting the transfer of the property to private ownership and development. I think that we should endeavor to interest purchasers for this land who will improve it, but in so doing care must be taken to safeguard the adjacent owners against any use of it or development of it that would tend to depreciate the value of their holdings. I am inclined to the view that the development of the whole neighborhood has been retarded by the uncertainty surrounding the future use of the city land. Why not settle it?

While the administration of the city has been thrifty to a praiseworthy degree, as evidenced by its outstanding financial position in the state; there are, I think, further economies that can be effected.

WATER

I note that we are paying annually for fire hydrant service about \$65,000., and that the rental has increased with more or less regularity over the last fifteen years from \$6,300., which was the figure in 1922. I have made a preliminary study of the subject. I think we are paying too much, and I hope that you will see your way clear to institute negotiations with the Water Company, looking to a substantial reduction.

STREET LIGHTING

Our contract for street lighting expires on March 1, 1937. It was entered into five years ago. In that interval significant improvements have been made in the cost of producing and distributing electrical energy, and the volume of business has expanded, all of which have cheapened the cost of service. I recommend that a study of this situation be undertaken by you immediately, with the view of negotiating a more favorable contract.

MONEY AND SHORT TERM FINANCING

Over the past year or two there has been little need for the city to borrow on short term, but when it has been done I feel that the rates have sometimes been too high. I would recommend that when occasion arises for such borrowings that the market be carefully canvassed and the lowest rates obtained. In this connection, I would call your attention to the fact that the discount for the prepayment of city tax bills is six percent. I recommend that this be discontinued. I know of no reason why the city should pay 6% for money which, if it needs it, it can borrow for 3% or less. A substantial saving can be effected here.

You are more familiar with the details of city departmental administration than I, and it is possible that other economies may suggest themselves to you. As far as my observation goes the city departments are all capably administered, and I do not believe that their activities can be further curtailed without damage to the city's interest. In the administration of a city, a loyal and enthusiastic body of employees is just as important, in my judgment, as in a private business. That is to say, it is fundamental to success. I believe that we have such a body and that their morale should be kept high through continuance of fair treatment.

In his last message Mayor Stutsman recommended that you pass a resolution requesting the County authorities to revalue all taxable property in the County in order that uniformity in assessment may be achieved. As it stands today urban property is, generally speaking, assessed higher in proportion to market value than that outside urban limits, with the result that it bears more than its just share of State and County taxation. This inequity should be corrected. I renew Mayor Stutsman's recommendation to you.

May I take this opportunity to express to you the pleasure with which I look forward to working with you, and to wish you a Happy New Year.

Respectfully,

DeWitt D. Barlow
Mayor

FINANCIAL REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council,
City of Plainfield, New Jersey.
Gentlemen:

I am presenting herewith the annual report of the financial accounts and transactions of the City of Plainfield for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1936.

The several statements in this report are purely statistical and reflect the City's financial standing at both the beginning and ending of the year, as well as all transactions of operations during the year.

The account classifications—Current, Capital, Trust, and Reserve, separate the various activities or kinds of service given by the City.

These various services are authorized and financed under separate statutes and for that reason the accounting for each is separately stated.

The first part of the report under "CURRENT" deals with the yearly budget—both the Revenues and Expenditures. The adopted budget represents the estimates which are matched with the actual revenues received and the expenditures made. (See Statement A-3 and A-4)

Under Exhibit "A" "Current Balance Sheet" fourteen general items in comparative form give a complete picture of the City's CURRENT financial condition as at the beginning and the ending of the year. The next statement, A-1, Analysis of Current Cash and Surplus Revenue Account, shows the actual current cash position of \$3,334.53 cash surplus on December 31, 1936. This is the amount of cash on hand for current operating purposes on December 31st, after deducting the advance payments on 1937 taxes of \$100,060.74 and \$61,267.86 to cover 1936 reserve appropriations and the amount as considered past due to the Board of Education.

The City's cash position on December 31, 1936 in comparison with 1933, 1934, and 1935 was—

1933 Cash Deficit—Approximately	\$440,000.00
1934 Cash Deficit—Approximately	207,000.00
1935 Cash Deficit—Approximately	42,000.00
1936 Free Cash Surplus	3,334.53

To pay its bills, the City had borrowed on TAX NOTES on

December 31, 1933	\$329,600.00
December 31, 1934	165,000.00
December 31, 1935	150,000.00
December 31, 1936	None

The total tax delinquencies have decreased from approximately—

\$1,102,000. on December 31, 1933 to approximately—
\$ 810,000. on December 31, 1936 or a total decrease of approximately
\$ 292,000.

A full report of all taxes is shown on Statement A-10.

The above shows a marked improvement in the City's financial condition from 1933 to 1936 inclusive.

The present current financial condition can be attributed only to sound financing over a period of years. Sound financing is accomplished by preventing over-expenditures of appropriations, over-estimates of revenues and the building up of reserves to offset tax delinquencies. It also requires a diligent and perservering tax collector who enforces collections through the procedure of holding tax sales regularly and following them to a final conclusion.

Without FUNDING or REFUNDING any debt, Plainfield was, on January 1, 1937 financially in a position to adopt a budget on a full cash basis as provided by the recent Budget Act. This is a condition few New Jersey municipalities the size of Plainfield enjoy. However, the act extends the time for the adoption of a full cash budget to January 1, 1944.

The Capital Classification of accounts, Exhibit "B" and supporting statements reflect the activities in making permanent improvements. All such improvements are authorized and financed under the provisions of statutes known as the "Municipalities Act and Local Bond Act". The majority of these items fall under the following class of Improvements:—Street Paving, Sanitary and Storm Sewers, Construction of Sewage Disposal Plants, Purchase of Land for Public Use, and the Construction of all School and other Public Buildings. Bonds are issued in most cases to pay the first cost in making these improvements. The bonds must then be paid within the term of the issue from either general taxation or special assessment collections. The term of the issue cannot be for a period longer than the esti-

mated life of the improvements or the time limit set for the payment of the Special Assessments.

After Special Assessments are made and confirmed against property peculiarly benefitted, the accounts of both assessments against the property and the Assessment Debt are separated from Capital or General Improvement Accounts. These items are then treated as Trust (see Exhibit C) for the reason that the City acts as trustee in making these particular improvements on petition or approval of the owners of the majority of the property so benefitted.

The Reserve Accounts, (Sinking Fund—Exhibit "D") reflect the monies collected in advance of the due date of certain bond issues, known as term bonds issued prior to March 1916, and the Assessment Bonds issued June 1, 1930.

The following statements cover practically all pertinent facts of the full report except those previously stated:

DEBT OBLIGATIONS, SINKING FUND AND CASH IN TREASURY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEBT OBLIGATIONS ON DECEMBER 31, 1936

	Debt Obligations	Funds Pledged
School Bonds	\$1,670,000.00	\$ 82,918.79
General Bonds	3,003,000.00	68,000.00
Improvement Notes	58,696.11	6,675.71
Assessment Bonds	136,000.00	72,122.72
Assessment Notes	6,834.03	
TOTAL DEBT OBLIGATIONS	\$4,874,530.14	
Less—Funds Pledged	229,717.22	\$229,717.22
NET DEBT OBLIGATIONS	\$4,644,812.92	

TAXABLE PROPERTY IN 1936

Real Estate	\$54,358,787.00
Personal Estate	5,813,450.00

TOTAL TAXABLE PROPERTY	\$60,172,237.00
1936 Tax Rate per \$100	3.61
Total Property tax levy including Bank Stock Tax	\$ 2,174,825.36

TAX COLLECTIONS—1936 Levy	\$ 1,656,437.98
Remitted by County Board	8,842.70
Transferred to Tax Title Liens	36,992.69
OUTSTANDING December 31, 1936	472,551.99
TOTAL	\$ 2,174,825.36

APPORTIONMENT OF PROPERTY TAX

For:		Percent	Rate
State School Tax	\$ 170,268.01	.078	.283
Soldier's Bonus Bond Tax	10,495.94	.005	.017
County Taxes	344,841.07	.159	.575
District Court Tax	3,227.61	.001	.005
Total State and County Tax	\$ 528,832.63	.243	.880
Local School Tax	680,703.00	.318	1.131
Local City Tax	962,028.57	.443	1.599
Excess Tax Levy	3,261.16	.001	
TOTAL	\$2,174,825.36	1.00	3.610

1936 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

SOURCE OF REVENUES APPROPRIATED

Surplus and Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 352,129.00
From Property Tax Levy	962,028.57
Total Budget Revenues (Statement A-3)	\$1,314,157.57

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Cash Disbursements	\$1,236,601.21
Non-Cash Charges:	
Abatements by State & County, and Reserve for Re-	
mission of Uncollectible personal taxes, etc.	28,465.92
Reserve for Unpaid bills	29,117.24
Unexpended Balance	19,973.20

Total Budget	\$1,314,157.57
For details, see Statements A-4-1, 4-2, and 4-3.	

STATEMENT OF

Year	Bonds Outstanding	Bonds Issued	Bonds Paid and Cancelled	Bond Interest Paid
1933	5,153,000.	None	288,000.	231,408.75
1934	4,865,000.	786,000.	314,000.	217,891.25
1935	5,337,000.	None	246,000.	240,806.25
1936	4,809,000.	25,000.	307,000.	229,280.00
1937	.....	.....	273,000.*	216,012.50*

* Principal and Interest TO BE PAID in 1937

For further study of the report you will find immediately following the Consolidated Balance Sheet and the Consolidated Cash Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross R. Deardorff,
Supervisor of Municipal
Finances and Accounts

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT
JANUARY 1, 1936 and DECEMBER 31, 1935**

	January 1st, 1936	December 31st, 1935
ASSETS		
CURRENT ACCOUNT		
Cash	\$ 204,798.97	\$ 164,663.13
Outstanding Taxes & Accounts Receivable	908,241.24	821,558.07
Amount due from Board of Education		7,455.18
Abatements by State & County Boards of Taxation	8,404.42	12,250.51
Emergency Revenues—Snow and Ice	8,275.93	24,300.00
Discount on Taxes paid in advance	790.67	1,232.26
Deferred (Cash) Revenues to the amount of one half Current Year 1936-37 School Tax		340,351.50
Total Current Account	1,130,511.23	1,371,810.65
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Cash	35,891.89	11,148.41
Unexpended Balance of Improvements Authorized and Uncompleted	176,945.00	118,221.27
Cost of Improvements in Progress	46,704.76	70,226.93
Amount to be raised by future Taxation	4,660,739.80	4,502,721.30
Amount in Sinking Fund	234,760.20	155,918.79
Joint Sewer Commission (Contra)	6,800.00	6,800.00
Total Capital Account	5,161,841.65	4,865,036.70
TRUST ACCOUNT		
Cash	1,256.96	485.63
Assessments Receivable	99,610.63	70,711.31
Cash in Sinking Fund Pledged to Assessment Bonds	80,946.28	72,122.72
Total Trust Account	181,813.87	143,319.66
SINKING FUND		
Cash	9,934.72	27,256.19
Investments	310,951.83	195,785.32
Prepaid Bonds		5,000.00
Total Sinking Fund	\$320,886.55	\$228,041.51

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT
JANUARY 1, 1936 and DECEMBER 31, 1936**

	January 1st, 1936	December 31st, 1936
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT ACCOUNT		
Reserve and Emergency Appropriations	\$ 32,676.99	\$ 30,220.44
Revolving Fund	1,000.00	992.67
Local School Accounts	326,482.00	370,373.00
Tax Revenue Notes	150,000.00	
Emergency Notes Payable	8,275.93	31,755.18
Payable and Fund Accounts	1,222.92	
Overpayment of Taxes		33.25
Reserve Accounts	100,474.60	821,553.07
Advance Payments on Taxes	63,330.00	101,293.00
Surplus Revenue Account	447,048.79	15,585.04
Total Current Account	1,130,511.23	1,371,810.65
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
Ordinance Improvement Appropriation Balances	176,945.00	118,221.27
Fund Accounts	51.92	
Joint Meeting Sewer (Contra)	6,800.00	6,800.00
Reserve for the payment of Capital Improvement and Capital Indebtedness	17,517.90	4,499.71
Reserve for the payment of Joint Sewer Serial Bonds		2,176.00
Retained Percentages	26.88	1,643.61
Improvement Notes	40,500.00	58,696.11
Bonds Outstanding—		
School—Term	264,000.00	213,000.00
School—Serial	1,507,000.00	1,457,000.00
General—Term	79,000.00	68,000.00
General—Serial	3,070,000.00	2,935,000.00
Total Capital Account	5,161,841.65	4,865,036.70
TRUST ACCOUNT		
Assessment Bonds	171,000.00	136,000.00
Assessment Notes	9,556.91	6,834.03
Fund Accounts	547.96	485.63
Trust Surplus	709.00	
Total Trust Account	181,813.87	143,319.66
SINKING FUND		
Sinking Fund Requirements as per law	156,370.19	140,198.74
Local Improvement Account	100,268.31	72,122.72
Pledged to City's Indebtedness	17,952.00	10,443.18
Surplus	46,296.05	5,276.87
Total Sinking Fund	\$320,886.55	\$228,041.51

CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

CURRENT ACCOUNT

From Collection of Taxes	\$2,266,459.58
Advance Payments—1937 Taxes	100,060.74
Proceeds from sale of Foreclosed Property	9,664.00
From Accounts Receivable	6,762.62
From Miscellaneous Revenues	167,493.63
From Accounts Payable & Fund Accounts	1,622.32
From Overpayment of Taxes	451.91
From Sale of Emergency Notes	32,300.00
From Sale of Tax Notes	75,000.00
From Trust—Liquor License Deposits	32.33
From Board of Education on Account of Emergency Note.....	544.82

Total Current Account	<u>\$2,660,391.95</u>
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT

From U. S. Government for P.W.A. 1057-R	15,276.02
From Current Account—1936 Budget Appropriation—City's Share of Improvement Costs	19,500.00
From Borough of Watchung—Reserve for the payment of Joint Sewer Serial Bonds	2,176.00
From Sale of Improvement Notes	71,156.02
From Sale of School Serial Bonds	25,000.00
From Trust Account for Improvement Assessments	5,154.42
From Sinking Fund to pay Term Bonds	16,000.00
From Sinking Fund to be applied as 1936 Dedicated Budget Revenue	29,872.00

Total Capital Account	<u>\$ 184,134.46</u>
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TRUST ACCOUNT

From Assessments Receivable	30,302.07
From Sinking Fund to pay Assessment Bonds	35,000.00
Deposit Special Officers' Badges	5.00
From Sale of Assessment Notes	5,154.42
From Current Account—Purchase of Assessment Liens	3,751.67

Total Trust Account	<u>\$ 74,213.16</u>
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CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS DISBURSEMENTS

CURRENT ACCOUNT

1936 Budget & 1935 Reserve Appropriation	\$1,238,494.43
1935-36 and 1936-37 School Account	636,812.00
Emergency Appropriations	33,298.37
Payment of 1935 Emergency Notes	8,820.75
Payment of Tax Notes	225,000.00
State and County Taxes	528,832.63
Foreclosure Costs	13,800.27
Accounts Payable	1,642.73
Refund Installments—Chapter 109 Tax Account	77.29
Deferred Charges	528.42
To Trust Account for Assessment Liens	3,751.67
Purchase of Coal, Gasoline, and Oil through Revolving Fund...	9,469.23

Total Current Account	<u>\$2,700,527.79</u>
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Payment of Improvement Costs	109,820.54
Transferred to Current Account—	
1936 Budget Dedicated Revenues	29,872.00
Payment of Retained Percentages	173.57
Private Sewer Inspection	51.92
Payment of Improvement Notes	52,959.91
Payment of Term Bonds	16,000.00

Total Capital Account	<u>\$ 208,877.94</u>
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TRUST ACCOUNT

Assessment Collections paid into Sinking Fund	26,176.44
Refund Special Officers' Badges	35.00
Payment of Assessment Notes	7,877.30
Payment of Assessment Bonds	35,000.00
Transferred to Current Account—Balance Deposit Liquor	
License Application	32.33
Trust Surplus—Appropriated Revenues No. 18	709.00
Payment to Capital Account—Improvement Costs Assessed	5,154.42

Total Trust Account	<u>\$ 74,984.49</u>
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**CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
RECEIPTS**

SINKING FUND

Interest	8,804.46	
City of Plainfield Appropriation	2,288.12	
Assessment Funds from City	26,176.44	
City of Plainfield Notes paid	261,657.96	
Total Sinking Fund		298,876.98

GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$3,217,616.55
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CASH BALANCES JANUARY 1, 1936

Current Account	204,798.97	
Capital Account	35,891.89	
Trust Account	1,256.96	
Sinking Fund	3,373.64	
Total Cash Balances		245,321.46

		\$3,462,938.01
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**CONSOLIDATED CASH STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
DISBURSEMENTS**

SINKING FUND

Investments—City of Plainfield Notes	150,610.44
City of Plainfield Bonds	38,000.00
U. S. Bonds	2,500.00
Premium on City of Plainfield Bonds	2,932.48
Accrued Interest on Bonds	79.51
Paid City of Plainfield for Maturing Bonds	16,000.00
Assessment Funds returned to City	35,000.00
Pledged Funds returned to City	29,872.00

Total Sinking Fund	274,994.43
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GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$3,259,384.65
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CASH BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1936

Current Account	164,663.13
Capital Account	
Pledged to Improvement Accounts	\$8,972.41
Pledged to Fund Accounts	2,176.00
Trust Account	485.63
Sinking Fund	27,256.19

Total Cash Balances	203,553.36
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\$3,462,938.01

BANK BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 1936

Plainfield Trust Company	144,762.79
Less Checks Outstanding	7,465.62
First National Bank	5,000.00
State Trust Company	25,000.00
Plainfield National Bank	5,000.00
Mid-City Trust Company	4,000.00
Sinking Fund Commission	27,256.19

\$ 203,553.36

ANALYSIS OF CASH AND SURPLUS REVENUE ACCOUNT

CASH ANALYSIS

Cash Balance December 31, 1936	164,663.18	
Less:		
Advance payments on 1937 taxes	101,293.00	
Less: Discounts allowed	1,232.26	
1937 Available Cash December 31, 1936.....	100,060.74	
1936 Available Cash December 31, 1936	64,602.39	
Less: 1936 Obligations:		
Reserve Appropriations	30,220.44	
Revolving Fund Accounts	992.67	
Overpayment of Taxes	33.25	
Due Local School 12-31-36.....	\$370,373.00	
Less: Deferred (Cash) Revenue to the amount $\frac{1}{2}$ Current year 1936 - 1937		
School Tax	<u>\$340,351.50</u>	
Amount past due on December 31, 1936	30,021.50	
Total Current Obligations 12-31-36	61,267.86	
Cash Surplus December 31, 1936		<u>3,334.53</u>

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS REVENUE ACCOUNT

Balance December 31, 1936	15,585.04	
Less: Non-Cash Assets—Deferred Charges	12,250.51	
Surplus Cash		<u>3,334.53</u>

Item No.	Resources	Budget Anticipated	In Cash	Accounts and Taxes Receivable	Journal	Total Revenues Realized	Excess Deficit Revenues
1	Surplus Revenue Appropriated	\$110,000.00			110,000.00	110,000.00	
2	Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated						
3	Board of Health	1,900.00	2,443.00			2,443.00	543.00
4	City Court	3,500.00	7,424.65			7,424.65	3,924.65
5	City Clerk	9,000.00	12,046.00			12,046.00	3,046.00
6	Liquor Licenses	25,000.00	27,705.00			27,705.00	2,705.00
7	Building Division	2,000.00	3,240.00			3,240.00	1,240.00
8	Search Fees	800.00	1,166.50			1,166.50	366.50
9	Interest on Taxes	43,000.00	57,721.18*			57,721.18	14,721.18
10	Interest on Assessments	4,000.00	7,327.09			7,327.09	3,327.09
11	Franchise Taxes	75,000.00		81,236.86		81,236.86	6,236.86
12	Gross Receipts Taxes	20,000.00		4,045.40		4,045.40	4,045.40
13	Jitney Buses	3,000.00	6,946.69	651.57		7,598.26	4,598.26
14	Sale of Municipal Property	12,000.00					
15	Rentals	2,000.00	180.00	2,450.00		2,630.00	1,574.60
16	Motor Fuel (State Tax Refund)	1,200.00	1,530.90	225.12		1,756.02	12,000.00
17	Trust Surplus	709.00	709.00			709.00	630.00
18							556.02
	Dedicated Revenues	313,109.00	128,440.01	38,608.95	110,000.00	327,048.96	13,939.96

State of New Jersey Refund—April Relief 2,148.00
 No. 37-B P.W.A. Bonds 8,000.00
 No. 39-B P.W.A. Bond Interest 3,920.00
 No. 37-B Joint Sewer Bonds 17,952.00
 No. 23-D Account No. 23—Emergency Relief.. 7,000.00

Total Dedicated Revenues 39,020.00

TOTAL REVENUES MISC. AND SURPLUS

Amount to be raised by taxation for Local Budget
 Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated

1,314,157.57
 680,703.00

1936-1937 City School Tax

* \$9,576.95 represents interest on Tax Title Liens.

Budget Revenues

Surplus Appropriation 110,000.00
 Miscellaneous Anticipated 203,109.00
 Dedicated Revenues 39,020.00
 Tax Revenues 962,028.57

Total Budget 1,314,157.57
 Excess Miscellaneous Revenue 13,889.96
 Excess Tax Revenue 3,261.16
 Misc. Revenues Not Anticipated 9,381.18

1,340,739.87

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Realized

A-2 In Cash
 Accounts & Taxes Receivable
 A-19 Surplus Revenue

167,493.63
 1,063,246.24
 110,000.00

1,340,739.87

STATEMENT OF 1936 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

A-4-1

Item No.	Appropriation Item	TRANSFER		Net Appropriation	1936 Expenditures	Reserved Dec. 31, 1936	Unexpended Balance
		1936 Budget	To From				
1	Salaries	14,672.60	28.69	14,701.29	14,701.29		
2	Office Expenses, Supplies, etc.	2,100.00	75.00	2,175.00	1,987.40	187.60	
3	Printing and Advertising	1,100.00	50.00	1,050.00	1,017.18		32.82
4	Auditing	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,100.00		150.00
6	League of Municipalities	227.50		227.50	227.50		
7	Tax Department	16,255.08		15,255.08	13,654.64	1,547.57	
8	Board of Assessors	8,504.79		8,304.79	8,199.15		
9	Department of Finance	10,786.93		10,786.93	10,574.92	105.64	
10	Interest on Tax Notes	1,500.00		1,153.75	605.78		212.01
10-A	Discount on 1936 Taxes	6,500.00		6,500.00	5,678.96		547.97
11	Maintenance City Hall, Parks and Grounds	7,441.73	287.28	7,729.01	790.67	779.73	30.37
11-A	Washington Headquarters	100.00		100.00	6,949.28	67.48	
13	Board of Appeals	25.00		25.00	32.52		
14	Board of Adjustment	364.00	12.70	376.70	20.00		5.00
16	Police Department				376.70		
	A—Salaries and Wages	138,400.00		137,900.00	137,643.65		256.35
	B—Maintenance, Including Repairs, Replacements and Additions	16,000.00		15,000.00	13,190.21	1,209.79	600.00
17	Fire Department	130,678.62		130,678.62	129,696.39		982.23
	A—Salaries and Wages	7,500.00		6,950.00	6,307.03	642.97	
	B—Maintenance, Including Repairs, Replacements and Additions	13,747.00	509.90	14,256.90	13,908.82	348.08	
18	C—Signal System—Police, Fire and Traffic	10,800.00		10,800.00	10,641.43		158.57
19	Pension—Police and Fire (\$269,275.00)	60,970.00	69.90	61,039.90	45,797.65	15,242.25	
20	Fire Service Charge and Hydrant Rental	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,792.05		207.95
21	Traffic Signs and Road Markings	20,200.00		20,200.00	20,137.21	62.79	
22	Board of Health	1,382.64		1,382.64	1,359.42	23.22	
22-A	Dog Pound	100.00		143.80	19,368.46		
22-A	Isolation Hospital	23,400.00		23,400.00	2,999.70	1,500.00	2,531.54
23-A	Poor Department	3,000.00		3,000.00	496.92		.30
23-B	Nursing and Infant Welfare Service					3.03	
23-C	Special Welfare Service (Tuberculosis)	500.00		500.00			
23-D	Emergency Relief—State of N. J.						
	April Relief	2,148.00					
	Budget	62,000.00					
	Reserve	7,000.00					
		71,148.00		71,148.00	58,879.01	4,268.99	8,000.00

STATEMENT OF 1936 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

A-4-2

Item No.	Appropriation Item	TRANSFER		1936 Budget	Net Appropriation		1936 Expenditures	Reserved Unexpended	
		To	From					Dec. 31, 1936	Balance
24	Muhlenberg Hospital	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00		
26	City Court	3,571.03		3,571.03			3,571.03		
28	Streets and Sewers Department								
	A—Street Division	1,400.00		88,142.50	84,542.50		84,213.73	328.77	
	B—Sewer Division	450.00		17,069.96	17,519.96		17,330.17	189.79	
29	Shade Tree Commission	200.00		8,500.00	8,700.00		8,666.83	33.17	
30	Street Lighting		200.00	46,000.00	45,800.00		45,766.86		33.14
31	Operation Joint Sewage Disposal Plant		248.70	21,689.70	21,441.00		18,610.13		2,830.87
28-C	Gasoline, Oil and Alcohol Revolving Fund	500.00					(500.00 To Revolving Fund)		
35	Recreation	150.00		10,591.55	10,741.55		10,680.23	61.32	
37	Payment of Bonds (Serial)								
	A—School Bonds			75,000.00	75,000.00		75,000.00		
	B—General Bonds—Budget			135,000.00	135,000.00		135,000.00		
	Reserves			2,238.12	2,238.12		2,238.12		
38	Sinking Fund Requirements			79,221.25	79,221.25		79,221.25		
39	Interest on Bonded Indebtedness								
	A—School			143,151.25	143,151.25		143,151.25		
	B—General—Budget			6,907.50	6,907.50		6,907.50		
	Reserves			3,000.00	3,346.65		3,346.65		
40	C—Assessment	346.65		17,000.00	17,000.00		17,000.00		
41	Interest on Improvement and Assessment Notes								
41-A	Payment of Improvement Notes—W.P.A.			2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00		
	(High School Addition)			10,775.93	10,775.93	J	10,775.93		
42	Payment of Emergency Snow Storm Notes			6,500.00	6,500.00		6,500.00	2,859.71	
43	Contingent			500.00	500.00		1,140.29		32
44	Payment of Bills for Memorial Day Expense			1,000.00	1,000.00		499.68		
45	Election Expenses			1,400.00	1,400.00		817.70	15.00	
46	Fire Insurance			3,300.00	3,300.00		1,852.84		
47	Automobile and Property Damage Insurance						2,980.31		
48	Abatement of 1934-1935 Taxes by State and County Boards of Taxation			8,404.42	8,404.42	J	8,404.42		319.69

STATEMENT OF 1936 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

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Item No.	Appropriation Item	TRANSFER		Net	1936		Reserved	Unexpended
		To	From		Budget	Expenditures		
49	Remission of Uncollectible Personal and Poll Taxes.....			20,000.00	20,000.00	J		
51	Deferred—Loss on Tax through Foreclosure, etc.			61.50	61.50	J		
52	Plainfield Public Library			27,000.00	27,000.00			
	GRAND TOTAL	4,094.95	4,094.95	1,313,657.57	1,264,567.13		29,117.24	19,973.20
				500.00			500.00	To Gasoline & Oil Revolving Fund

Analysis of 1936 Expenditures
 Direct Cash Charges 1,215,519.84
 Indirect Cash Charges through Revolving Fund Accounts Credits ... 8,961.90
 Non-Cash Charges by Journal 40,085.39
1,264,567.13

1936 EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

A-5

Items	Disbursed on 1936 Emergency		Total	1936		Reserved	Balance
	Dec. 31, 1935	Appropriations		Disbursements	Dec. 31, 1936		
Snow Removal	398.43	26,200.00	25,801.57	25,204.37		597.20	
Works Progress Administration—Bus Service		600.00	600.00	94.00		506.00	
	398.43	26,800.00	26,401.57	25,298.37		1,103.20	
1935-1936 School Expense		8,000.00	8,000.00				
	A			A-2		A	

STATEMENT OF LOCAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT

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Index		Debit	Credit
1935-1936 Account			
A	Balance January 1, 1936		326,482.00
A-2	Paid in 1936	326,482.00	
		<u>326,482.00</u>	<u>326,482.00</u>
1936-1937 Account			
A-12	1936-1937 School Tax		680,703.00
A-2	Paid in 1936	310,330.00	
A	Balance December 31, 1936	370,373.00	
		<u>680,703.00</u>	<u>680,703.00</u>

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1936

Property Taxes	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1936	Added and 1936 Levy	Adjustments D—Debits C—Credits	Advance Payments In 1935	Collected In 1936	Remitted In 1936	Transferred to Tax Title Liens	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1936	Percentage Collected in 1936	Percentage Estimated For 1937	1937 Estimated Collections
1929 Personal Tax	49.98	1.00			1.00						
1930 Personal Tax	886.69	20.18			20.18	49.98					
1931 Personal Tax	3,140.33	3.60			45.56	610.93		238.80	.0513		39.00
1932 Personal Tax	5,847.15	30.11			394.58	1,991.71		784.15	.1256		255.84
1933 Personal Tax	18,635.09	23.04			1,896.70	1,840.96		2,182.83	.3243		1,500.00
1934 Personal Tax	44,771.06	159.98			7,809.86	5,638.87		5,246.34	.4244		6,713.00
1935 Personal Tax					23,295.93	4,673.63		16,801.50	.5207		
Total	73,330.30	237.91			33,563.81	14,806.08		25,198.32	1.0000		8,507.84
1933 Real Estate Taxes	64.30				64.30						
1934 Real Estate Taxes	1,218.19				602.79	615.40 S.B.		878.97	.9870	1.00	878.97
1935 Real Estate Taxes	492,629.58	88.25			485,810.42	1,457.89	4,570.55	1,532.15	.7903	.50	600.00
Tax Installments—Chap. 109, P. L. 1933	6,945.92		77.29D		5,489.63						
			1.43C								
Second Class Railroad Taxes	19,590.94							19,590.94*			
1932 to 1935 inclusive											
Total	520,448.93	88.25	75.86		491,967.14	2,073.29	4,570.55	22,002.06			1,478.97
1936 Second Class Railroad Tax	10,947.76				6,130.76			4,817.01*	.5600		438,543.62
1936 Real and Personal Taxes	2,161,667.21			63,330.00	1,584,766.34	8,842.70	36,992.69	467,734.98	.7625		
1936 Bank Stock Tax	2,210.39				2,210.39				1.0000		
1937 Taxes—Advance Payments	101,293.00				101,293.00						
Total Current Year Taxes	2,276,118.36			63,330.00	1,694,400.98	8,842.70	36,992.69	472,551.99			438,543.62
Tax Title Liens	294,303.31	47,002.87		59,335.09†		188.78		281,782.31	.2016		30,000.00
Grand Total Property Taxes	888,082.54	2,323,447.39	75.86	63,330.00	2,279,267.02	25,910.85	41,563.24	801,534.68			478,530.43

Statement of Franchise and Gross Receipts Taxes		Outstanding Aided and Jan. 1, 1936	Collected 1936 Levy	Remitted Outstanding in 1936	Dec. 31, 1936
1934	Gross Receipts Taxes	1,966.78		1,966.78	
1935	Gross Receipts Taxes	13,560.45			13,560.45

STATEMENT OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

1935	Personal Taxes	17.65
1935	Real Estate Taxes	451.91
1935	Real Estate Taxes	2.80
1936	Property Taxes	1,807.29

2,279.65

1936 Refunds	1,794.49
1935 Credited to Surplus	451.91
To Overpayment Account	33.25

STATEMENT OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY FOR 1936

A-13

Ctr. No.	Block	Lot	Street	Taxed Cost Charged in 1936	To Surplus and Credited	Taxed Costs and Recording Fees, etc.	Principal and Interest of Lien Paid to Collector	Sales Cost Advertising, Repairs, etc.	Total Cost Paid	Received from Sales in 1936	Total Cost City Property on Dec. 31, 1936	Profit to Surplus Revenue Account	Loss To Deferred Charges
2141	425	33-B	516-A West 4th Street			307.64	259.14	15.74	582.52		582.52		
2014			972 West 5th Street			310.15	596.57	15.74	922.46	1,310.00		387.54	
2213	456	20	213-15 Prescott Place			331.88	556.65	15.73	904.26	500.00			404.26
2061	3005	12	900-12 Plainfield Avenue			314.70	1,051.71	15.74	1,382.15		1,382.15		
1016	127	12	624-34 East Front Street			249.34	2,127.21	15.73	2,392.28		2,392.28		
1380	170	11	384-86 Hillcrest Avenue		225.55		869.25	28.00	1,122.80	1,154.00		31.20	
2211	454	21	228-32 Grant Avenue			291.36	1,944.05	35.00	2,270.41	2,270.41			
2210	454	20	224-26 Grant Avenue			291.36	2,261.47	37.90	2,590.73	2,590.73			
2120	454	13	809-11 South 2nd Street			338.72	1,462.89	56.60	1,858.21	1,838.86			19.35
				225.55		2,435.15	11,128.94	236.18	14,025.82	9,664.00	4,356.95	418.74	423.61
				A-19	A-2	A-2	A-2	A-2	A-2	A-2	A	A-19	A-7-1
				SUMMARY									
Index				Index									
A-2 Advance payment on property of proposed foreclosure				A-19				A-19					
								Balance January 1, 1936					
								Disbursements for Taxed Cost					
								and Recording Fees					
Block 371, Lot 28—1201-15 Arlington Avenue								Principal and Interest of					
								Liens to Tax Collector					
A-2 Refund July 6th—Check No. 6053								Sales Cost, Advertising, etc.					
								Profits—Credit to Surplus Revenue					
								Loss—On Property sold					
								Receipts from Sales of Property					
								Cost of Property on December 31, 1936					

STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS IN PROGRESS

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Ordinance No.	Improvements	Cost in Progress Jan. 1, 1936	Added Cash Disbursements	Retained Percentages	Total Costs	In Progress Dec. 31, 1936	Contribution by U. S. Government	Assessed To Property Owners	City's Share of Cost to Future Taxation
STREETS									
303	Paving Dorbett Place	3,088.52	676.26		3,764.78			3,645.94	118.84
304	Beechwood Court	1,434.36		146.74	1,581.10			1,508.48	72.62
307	Grading and Improving Forest Hills		130.24		130.24				
PWA 1057	Paving East 5th Street	239.19	32,938.31	1,643.61	34,816.11	130.24	15,276.02		19,540.09
1033	Reconstruction of Macadam Streets		7,500.00		7,500.00				7,500.00
1034-A	Reconstruction of East 2nd St. between Netherwood Ave. and Terrill Rd.		800.00		800.00				800.00
1034-B	Reconstruction of East 2nd St. between Richmond and Berckman Sts.		700.00		700.00				700.00
	Total Streets	4,762.07	42,739.81	1,790.35	49,292.23	130.24	15,276.02	5,154.52	28,731.55
SEWERS									
305	Sanitary Sewer—Oakland Avenue		1,622.05		1,622.05	1,622.05			
306	Sanitary Sewer—Ravine Road		2,308.12		2,308.12	2,308.12			
1028	North Avenue Storm Sewer	1,926.73			1,926.73				1,926.73
1033-A	Drainage Woodmere Place		343.12		343.12	343.12			
1035	Works Progress Administration Ordinance—October 6, 1936		95.61		95.61	95.61			
	Ordinance—October 23, 1935	2,847.73	27,855.18		30,702.91	30,702.91			
	Total Sewers	4,774.46	32,224.08		36,998.54	35,071.81			1,926.73
JOINT SEWER DISPOSAL PLANT									
	Ordinance—September 5, 1933	34,668.23	2,331.77		37,000.00				37,000.00
	Ordinance—November 19, 1935	2,500.00	32,500.00		35,000.00	35,000.00			
	Total Joint Sewer	37,168.23	34,831.77		72,000.00	35,000.00			37,000.00
OTHER									
1036	Works Progress Administration Shade Tree		24.88		24.88	24.88			
	Total Other		24.88		24.88	24.88			
	GRAND TOTAL	46,704.76	109,820.54	1,790.35	158,315.65	70,226.93	15,276.02	5,154.52	67,658.28
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**REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SINKING FUND COMMISSION
CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J., DECEMBER 31, 1936**

RECEIPTS

Balance—January 1, 1936		\$ 3,873.64
Interest	\$ 8,804.46	
City of Plainfield appropriation	2,238.12	
Assessment Funds from City	26,176.44	
City Plainfield Notes Paid	261,657.96	
		<u>298,876.98</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Investments—City Plainfield Notes	\$150,610.44	
City Plainfield Bonds	38,000.00	
U. S. Bonds	2,500.00	
Premium on City Plainfield Bonds	2,932.48	
Accrued Interest on Bonds	79.51	
Paid City Plainfield for maturing Bonds	16,000.00	
Assessment Funds returned to City	35,000.00	
Pledged Funds returned to City	29,872.00	
		<u>274,994.43</u>

Cash Balance—December 31, 1936	\$ 27,256.19
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ASSETS

Cash	\$ 27,256.19
Investments	195,785.32
Prepaid Bonds	5,000.00
	<u>\$228,041.51</u>

LIABILITIES

Sinking Fund Requirement as per law	\$140,198.74
Local Improvement Account	72,122.72
Pledged to City's Indebtedness	10,443.18
Surplus	5,276.87
	<u>\$228,041.51</u>

SINKING FUND INVESTMENTS

December 31, 1936

Cash	\$ 27,256.19
City Plainfield Bonds (Par)	61,000.00
U. S. Bonds (Par)	52,500.00
City Plainfield Notes	82,285.32
	<u>\$223,041.51</u>

**SINKING FUND COMMISSION OF CITY OF PLAINFIELD
ARTHUR E. CRONE, Secretary-Treasurer**

**PENSION COMMISSION, CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT, DECEMBER 31, 1936**

RECEIPTS

Cash Balance—January 1, 1936		\$ 4,118.57
City of Plainfield Salary Percentages	\$ 10,641.43	
City of Plainfield Appropriation	10,641.43	
Interest—Mortgages	\$2,899.33	
Mortgage Participation Certificates	1,080.00	
U. S. and Municipal Bonds and Notes	1,452.30	5,431.63
Tax from Insurance Companies	2,023.02	
Rent	390.00	
Donations	165.50	
Rewards	50.00	
Fines	55.00	
Police Badges returned	20.00	
Property taxes repaid	878.63	
City of Plainfield Note Paid	15,000.00	
City of Plainfield Bonds matured	5,000.00	
U. S. Bonds sold	3,000.00	
Premium on U. S. Bonds sold	119.06	
Mortgage Paid	8,000.00	<u>61,415.70</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Police and Fire Pensions	15,472.06
Printing, Postage and Sundry Expenses	38.50
Safe Deposit Box Rental	30.00
Property Taxes	190.40
Taxes paid on Mortgaged Property	744.95
Property Maintenance	400.93
Rental Commission	19.50
U. S. Bonds purchased	15,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	387.50
Accrued Interest on U. S. Bonds	132.50
Search, Legal Expense and Commission on Property acquired and sold	583.86
Loaned on note—City of Plainfield	15,000.00
Legal Expense—Edgerton Fund	793.62
Balance of Edgerton Fund paid to Appointed Trustee	6,927.86
Other Legal Expense	268.18
Mortgage Investment	7,500.00
	<u>63,489.86</u>

Cash Balance December 31, 1936	\$ 2,044.41
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1936

1929 Taxes, Personal	1.00	
1930 Taxes, Personal	20.18	
1931 Taxes, Personal	45.56	
1932 Taxes, Personal	394.58	
1933 Taxes, Real Estate	64.30	
1933 Taxes, Personal	1,896.70	
1934 Taxes, Real Estate	602.79	
1934 Taxes, Personal	7,909.86	
1935 Taxes, Real Estate	485,810.42	
1935 Taxes, Personal	23,295.93	
1936 Taxes, Real—Personal	1,593,107.98	
1935 Taxes, Franchise	3,495.75	
1936 Taxes, Gross Receipts	3,752.95	
1936 Taxes, Franchise	81,236.86	
1937 Taxes, Real—Personal	101,293.00	Advance
Tax Title Liens	59,335.09	
Chapter 109—P. L. 1933	5,489.63	2,367,752.58
Snow and Ice Removal	1,748.82	1,748.82
Street Assessments	70,090.42	
Sewer Assessments	443.74	
Curbs and Sidewalks	177.15	70,711.31
Interest on Taxes	57,721.18	
Interest on Assessments	7,327.09	
Search Fees	1,166.50	
Collection Fees	948.19	67,162.96

OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES, ETC.

1935 Taxes, Personal	17.65	
1935 Taxes, Real Estate	454.71	
1936 Taxes, Real—Personal	3,601.78	
Snow and Ice Removal	3.40	4,077.54
		2,511,453.21

Plainfield, N. J., February 24, 1937

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Plainfield, N. J., December 31, 1936.

To the Honorable, The Mayor and the Common Council
of the City of Plainfield, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I beg to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Assessor's Department, showing the finding of assessable values for the year 1937, as of October 1, 1936, together with a few statistics for the taxable year 1936 for comparison:

	1936	Percent of Net Valuation Taxable	1937	Percent of Net Valuation Taxable
1. Value of Land	\$18,717,925	.310	\$18,690,300	.310
2. Value of Improvements (Excl. 2nd Class Ry. Prop.)	35,434,400	.590	35,397,050	.590
3. Total Value of Real Estate (Excl. 2nd Class Ry. Prop.)	54,152,325	.900	54,087,350	.900
4. Value of 2nd Class Ry. Prop. (Assessed by State Board)	303,262	.005	303,262	.005
5. Total Real Estate	54,455,587	.905	54,390,612	.905
6. Value of Personal Property (Excl. of Personal Prop. of Street R.R. Gas & Electric Cos.)	6,645,550	.110	6,729,150	.110
7. Total Gross Valuations	\$61,101,137	1.015	\$61,119,762	1.015

DEDUCTION AND EXEMPTIONS

8. Household Goods (Exempt to a valuation of \$100. Chap. 236 P. L. 1918)	585,700			
9. Property Exempt under Chap. 7 P. L. 1919 (Veterans, etc.)	338,800			
10. Less: Total Deductions and Exemptions	923,900	.015	924,500	.015
11. Net Valuation Taxable at Local Rate	\$60,172,237	1.00%	\$60,195,262	1.00%
12. Add: Valuation of Personal Prop. of Street Ry. Gas & Electric Cos. Not assessed at local rate	1,273,538	.021	1,273,537	.021
13. Total	\$61,445,775	1.021	\$61,468,799	1.021
14. Amount deducted Chap. 57 P. L. 1910 & Chap. 188 P. L. of 1912—Adjustments granted on Appeals by State & County Board of Taxation	269,469	.005	279,950	.005
15. Net Valuation upon which State & County Taxes are apportioned	\$61,176,306	1.016	\$61,188,849	1.016

OTHER EXEMPTIONS

	Land	Buildings	Total	Per Cent
Public Schools	\$ 179,200	\$1,740,000	\$1,919,200	.324
Other Schools	13,000	260,000	273,000	.046
Public Property	420,000	505,800	925,800	.157
Churches and Charities	470,900	2,090,800	2,561,200	.433
Cemeteries and Graveyards	46,900	1,000	47,900	.008
Other Exemptions (Post Office and Armory)	78,100	110,000	188,100	.032
Total	\$1,208,100	\$4,707,100	\$5,915,200	1.000

CLASSIFICATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY—REAL ESTATE (Not including 2nd Class Railways)

	Land	Per Cent	Buildings	Per Cent	Total	Per Cent
Residential	\$12,378,100	.662	\$27,028,925	.766	\$39,407,025	.730
Business	5,799,825	.310	6,410,200	.182	12,210,025	.226
Industrial	272,850	.015	1,600,350	.045	1,873,200	.035
Utilities	239,525	.013	259,775	.007	499,300	.009
	\$18,690,300	1.000	\$35,299,250	1.000	\$53,989,550	1.000

STATISTICAL

Total number of single, 2-3 or 4 apartment dwellings		6,637
Single dwellings occupied by owner	3,118	
2-3 and 4 apartment dwellings, owner occupying one apartment	168	
Single and 2-3 and 4 apartment dwellings occupied by tenant	1,382	
Single and 2-3 and 4 apartment dwellings vacant or occupied by tenants with insufficient personal property to warrant personal property assessment	1,969	6,637
Percentage of single and 2-3 and 4 apartment dwellings occupied wholly or in part by owner		49.51%
Apartment houses—more than four apartments each		43
Business buildings, stores and apartments		678
Occupied by owner	254	
Occupied by tenants	314	
Vacant	110	
		678
Factories		31
Occupied by owner	21	
Occupied by tenants	3	
Vacant	7	
		31
Total number of private garages		4,377
Total number of 25 foot lots in the city		31,529
Total number of vacant lots, assessed as such, regardless of frontage.....		2,605
Total number of acres (not plotted)		361.41
Total number of acres (not plotted) taxable	186.98	
Total number of acres (not plotted) exempted	174.43	
		361.41
Total number of \$100 allowances on household furniture		5,846
Total number of Soldiers, Sailors and S. & S. widows		1,166
Total number of R. E. Transfers received in 1936		751
Total number of Building Permits issued Oct. '35 to Oct. '36.....		608

TOTAL TAXABLE RATABLES 1926 to 1937 INCLUDING 2ND CLASS RAILWAYS

Year	Ratables	Increase or Decrease	
1926	\$50,725,317		
1927	53,613,472	\$2,893,155	Increase
1928	55,815,627	2,197,155	"
1929	59,491,932	3,676,305	"
1930	62,023,911	2,531,979	"
1931	63,086,310	1,062,399	"
1932	63,304,180	217,870	"
1933	62,901,958	402,222	Decrease
1934	61,223,483	1,678,475	"
1935	60,530,483	693,000	"
1936	60,172,237	358,246	"
1937	60,195,262	23,025	Increase
Net increase for eleven years		\$9,469,945	
Average increase per year		860,904	
Per Centage of single and 2-3 and 4 apartment dwellings occupied wholly or in part by owner			
1931.....	.662	1935.....	.523
1932.....	.646	1936.....	.5076
1933.....	.626	1937.....	.4951
1934.....	.613		

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY R. THORN,
Clerk
BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS 1937

CHARLES A. PETERSON, Chairman
JOHN G. BICKNELL
RUFUS C. LAREW
CLARENCE BROUARD

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.

January 1st. 1937

To the Honorable, The Mayor and Common Council:
Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit to your honorable body, the annual report of the Police Department of the City of Plainfield, for the fiscal year ending, December 31, 1936.

On May 17th, 1934 this department installed a two-way Police Radio System, consisting of a combination receiving and transmitting set in headquarters and a combination receiving and transmitting set in four cars. The personnel of this branch consists of three Sergeants and twenty-one men.

In order that every section of this City might have better police protection at all hours, the City was divided into eleven districts of which eight districts are covered by foot patrolmen and three districts by the radio division with one Radio Car in each of the three districts and one radio car in reserve. Each car is equipped with a First Aid Kit, Searchlight, Fire Extinguisher, nightsticks, Riot gun and Tear Gas Bomb.

Since its installation the City has been greatly benefited by the constant patrolling of the entire City at all hours over a partial coverage in previous years.

In 1935 a SAFETY DIVISION was added to this department and a survey made of the City with various recommendations carried out and for which we received Honorable Mention by the National Safety Council, with a result gratifying to all concerned and more fully explained by the analysis set forth in this report. The personnel of this department consists of one patrolman assigned to this particular work and that of School Traffic.

Our Bureau of Identification and Photography has been greatly improved by the addition of up-to-date paraphernalia and the taking of Non-Criminal Fingerprints were established the past year with gratifying results.

The Detective Bureau has had an exceptional busy year as more fully explained further in this report.

Our Department may well be a source of great satisfaction and Civic pride to its citizens. In every branch of Police endeavor, the department has, during the past year, proved its greatest value in the prevention of crime and the apprehension of perpetrators of such law violations and infractions as were committed.

I would at this time, recommend the purchase and installation of four traffic lights at the following intersections: Watchung Avenue and East Fourth Street; Watchung Avenue and East Second Street; West Front Street and Madison Avenue and West Fourth Street and Liberty Street as there has been more accidents at these intersections and are considered more hazardous.

I would also recommend the purchase of Four Riot Guns.

We should earnestly consider the establishment of a Crime Prevention Bureau. It is my belief that a bureau of this kind, with properly trained officers can accomplish a great deal, especially among our juvenile offenders. Its duties must be to find remedies for the causations of crime, to prevent the commission of crimes, and to instill into the minds of offenders not a servile fear, but one which will make them cooperative. I know of no better way than to being with our Juveniles and in order to give to give them the proper and beneficial training I would strongly recommend that a more liberal use of our Public Schools, opened evenings and supervised by competent persons where our juveniles may go for the purpose of gymnastics, games, lectures, etc. which would keep them off the streets and out of bad company.

In February of this year Court Costs were added which has greatly increased our revenues also this item has increased the volume of detail work in this office and I would recommend an additional Clerk if only for part time in order to reduce the excess amount of work now imposed upon the present clerical office.

During the year we have had one Dismissal and one Retirement of our patrolmen and in order to bring our quota up to standard I would recommend that these two positions be filled at the earliest possible moment and that three replacements be made to fill the previous vacancies still open due

to retirements in previous years. At the present time particularly during the evening when the rush of commuters is on, two of our Radio Cars are completely tied up doing traffic duty and I would call your attention to the fact that at the time when Mrs. Person was held up and brutally attacked two of our cars were tied up on this traffic duty, hence a delay in the proper discharge of our Radio Car Duty. The employment of these replacement men would not only bring our quota up to standard but would give this much added protection to our citizens.

In conclusion I wish to say that the department has had a most successful year. The men entrusted with public safety in this City; the Mayor and members of the Common Council, have been willing and eager to contribute of their time and energy toward the proper conduct of the department and I wish to take this opportunity of expressing, to all, my thanks and appreciation for their support and the many acts of kindness during the year.

PERSONNEL OF DEPARTMENT

1	Chief
1	Captain
1	Lieutenant
2	Detective Sergeants
6	Sergeants
1	Detective
36	Class A Patrolmen
8	Class B Patrolmen
2	Class C Patrolmen
0	Class D Patrolmen
0	Class E Patrolmen
2	Probationary Patrolmen
1	Special Patrolmen (Patrol Driver)
61	Total
1	Department Clerk and Secretary
1	Assistant Clerk
63	Total active members

ARRESTS

Number of arrests for the year		1,513
Comprising Males (White)	979	
Comprising Males (Colored)	876	
Comprising Males (Yellow)	1	1,356
Comprising Females (White)	93	
Comprising Females (Colored)	64	157
Automobile Summonses	2,784	1,513
Dog Summonses	631	
Miscellaneous Summonses	146	8,561
Grand Total of Arrests and Summonses		5,074

AGES OF PRISONERS

MALE		FEMALE	
16 to 20	208	16 to 20	26
21 to 30	429	21 to 30	46
31 to 40	342	31 to 40	29
41 to 50	220	41 to 50	44
51 to 60	121	51 to 60	10
61 to 70	27	61 to 70	2
71 to 80	8	71 to 80	0
81 to 90	0	81 to 90	0
91 to 100	1	91 to 100	0
Total		1,356	157
Total			1,513

MAINTENANCE OF PRISONERS

Cost of Serving Meals to Prisoners \$780.00

NATIVITY OF PRISONERS

Afro-American	436	Irish	19
American	846	Italian	98
Argentine	3	Mexican	1
Australian	1	Phillipino	1
Austrian	7	Polish	23
Canadian	3	Porto-Rican	1
Chinese	1	Roumanian	3
Czecho-Slavokian	3	Russian	23
Danish	3	Scotch	4
English	10	Spanish	2
French	2	Swedish	6
German	7	Swiss	6
Greek	5	Syrian	1
Hungarian	2		
Total Arrests			1,513
Total Summonses			3,561
Grand Total			5,074

RADIO DIVISION

Alarms answered by men in Radio Cars	5,099
Special Duty Calls	7,856
Arrests by men in Radio Cars	812
Summonses issued by men in radio cars	1,237
Accidents investigated by Radio Cars	324
Ambulance Service calls	113

DIVISION OF IDENTIFICATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Pistol Permit applicants fingerprinted (5 prints each)	26
Canvassers fingerprinted	627
Investigations for Other Authorities	27
Criminals Fingerprinted (3 prints each)	461
Non-Criminal Fingerprints taken	461

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographic copy work	125
Crime Scenes Photographed	45
Persons Photographed	411

During the early part of 1936 the identification bureau was equipped with a speed graphic camera. This camera improved our pictures, especially accident scenes at night. Our Enlarging camera purchased at the same time we find beneficial in many ways and is surely an asset to the bureau.

With reference to the civilian finger print file, persons not only from Plainfield but from the surrounding communities have continued to request that their finger prints be taken and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C. This is cheerfully done and persons having their fingerprints sent to Washington are in the event of a fatal accident sure to be identified. Almost Sixteen Hundred persons have been fingerprinted since the inception of the system.

We have on file 3,849 sets of criminal fingerprints. Each year a large amount of repeaters are arrested and they are given their old numbers. Photographs must be taken from time to time of these repeaters as they change in appearance. We also have 3,650 sets of Canvasser's fingerprints kept in a separate file.

POLICE TELEGRAPH SYSTEM

The Police Telegraph System is of the Gamewell Type and consists of Eleven call Boxes with Flashlights and horns, one time clock with paper take-up reel, one switchboard with instruments mounted thereon for charging the batteries, and storage batteries for operating the system. The batteries are located at Fire Headquarters and the power for charging them is furnished by the Public Service Gas and Electric Company.

SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL

School safety patrols are functioning successfully in twelve public schools, one High school, and two parochial schools. The Plainfield High School has its own patrol system.

Student Courts in schools have been replaced by Jr. Safety Councils and Safety Clubs which work to a much greater advantage. The patrol mem-

bers are the executive body of the Council and Clubs and the delegates from various classes attend these meetings at which time they discuss their safety problems to carry to their class mates. Violations of safety are reported to each class room teacher and serious violations are brought before the school assemblies.

All schools are working under a set of standards for patrols as set down by the Plainfield Area Safety Council and has the approval of the National Safety Council. The patrol Chief's report weekly in regard to their activities and any problems that they may have. By using the "Voice of Safety" car we are able to check each patrol daily while they are on duty thus keeping the patrol up to standard.

Safety pictures and plays are shown in all schools. Monthly safety lessons and posters are supplied by the A. A. A., also the teachers are sent a weekly safety message. The Plainfield Theatres continue to give free shows to the safety patrols. In June an outing was held in Greenbrook Park for the safety patrols of the Plainfield area in which 497 patrol members attended. This outing was a big success. All games and sports were under the direction of the recreation commission, and Miss Whitford the school nurse donated her services. A first aid tent was erected by the Boy Scouts for this occasion. We are glad to report, however, that not a single child was hurt during the outing which lasted from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. Refreshments were furnished by the Safety Council. Sandwiches, milk, ice cream, and candy were supplied with plenty for each child. Band music was played from the "Voice of Safety" for the entertainment of the children. All the patrols were delivered to and from the Park in buses. The entire outing was under the direction of the Child Safety Committee of the Plainfield Area Safety Council.

During the past year considerable headway has been made in establishing a driving course in the High School. Mr. H. Stine, Physical Director of the Plainfield Schools, is in charge of this class and is doing a very good job.

We are happy again to report that we have not had a school child hurt during school hours. Lectures have been made in the assemblies of all the Plainfield Schools and in various class rooms. Classes from nine of the schools have visited Police Headquarters on a tour of instruction and this has been a big help in getting over to the children the fact that the Policemen are their friends. Five troupes of boy scouts and one troupe of girl scouts have visited Police Headquarters on a tour and have been fingerprinted. Safety lectures have been given to eighteen Parent Teachers Association meetings in Plainfield, South Plainfield, Greenbrook Township, Dunellen, and Warrenville, also to twelve troupes of boy scouts, two groups of boys in the Y. M. C. A. and to the Holy Name Society of St. Marys, St. John, and St. Joseph Churches and to the young peoples meeting of the Trinity Reform Church, also to the bus drivers of the Public Service Co. and the drivers of Sheffield Farms Company and service clubs.

The following school crossings were covered by special Police Officers, some of whom were paid by the City at the rate of fifty cents per hour for a three hour day and some from the Relief Rolls, also by our own police.

Maxson School, Woodland Avenue, East Seventh Street.
Bryant School, South Avenue, Richmond Street
Evergreen School, Evergreen Ave., Edgewood Ave., Park Ave., Stelle Ave.
High School, Park Avenue, Ninth Street, (Mornings only).
Franklin School, Madison Avenue, West Fourth Street.
Hartridge School, Arlington Avenue, West Seventh Street.
St. Marys School, Liberty Street, West Fifth Street.
Washington School, Spooner Avenue, West Fourth Street.
Jefferson School, Clinton Avenue, South 2nd. St., Clinton Ave., W. Front St.

The number of hours worked and the cost of the Special officers is as follows:

PAID TRAFFIC OFFICERS (Special)

April 1st-June 19, 1936	914 $\frac{1}{2}$	Hours @ \$.50	\$ 457.25
Sept. 16th-Dec. 23, 1936	1,177 $\frac{1}{2}$	Hours @ \$.50	588.75
Total	2,092	Hours	\$1,046.00

EMERGENCY RELIEF LABOR

May 1st-June 19, 1936	467	Hours @ \$.50	233.50
Sept. 11th-Dec. 23, 1936	722	Hours @ \$.50	361.00
Total	1,189	Hours	\$ 594.50

Regular police filled in the school crossings at all other times.

Safety patrols were operating in the following schools:

St. Bernard's	8	Whittier	12
St. Mary's	17	Hubbard	27
Maxson—two patrol system	24	Washington—two patrol system	14
Bryant—two patrol system	12	Irving—two patrol system	30
Evergreen	18	Jefferson—two patrol system	20
Franklin	20	Emerson—two patrol system	26
Stillman	8	Lincoln—two patrol system	12

Total 248

W. P. A. TRAFFIC SURVEY

The W. P. A. traffic survey sponsored by the Plainfield Area Safety Council and the City of Plainfield, started on January 20, 1936 and was finished on August 8, 1936. The personnel consisted of one Engineer-Director, one map Draughtsman, two senior clerks and three field workers. Also one Stenotypist. The cost of the survey is as follows:

W.P.A. groups worked	6,612	Hours—total cost	\$3,604.83
Emergency Relief—man power	722	Hours—total cost	361.00
National Youth Admin.	250	Hours—total cost	125.50

Total cost of Labor 6,984 Hours \$4,091.33

Safety Council furnished—for material and supplies 200.00

Total cost of Survey, with no cost to the City \$4,291.33

The completed report of the traffic survey is now in the hands of Mr. William McDowell, Vice-President of the Safety Council. A survey was made on about forty corners in the City and the original tally sheets are on file in the safety department, also a large map showing "OFF STREET PARKING AREA" in the business section of the City was prepared and is now displayed in the Safety Department at Police Headquarters.

We installed a standard accident file which consists of a Violators File, date file and location file all cross indexed. All accidents are filed at the intersection or between the intersection. This file has proved very helpful.

VOICE OF SAFETY

The Voice of Safety car, loaned to this Department by the Plainfield Motor Company, was put into service on June 9th, 1936 and was used all that day at the Child Safety Patrol Outing held in Greenbrook Park.

On June 12, 1936 the "Voice" was used in Watchung, N. J. to assist in a safety parade.

On July 9, 1936 it was used in Greenbrook Park to announce the program of a free band concert.

On Sunday July 16, 1936 it was used in Greenbrook Park for a minister's convention.

On Sunday August 9, 1936 it was used in Greenbrook Park to announce the program of a free band concert.

It has been used every Saturday in the business section of the City for Safety Education.

When schools opened in September it was used to tour the Schools checking patrols and special police officers and for broadcasting safety messages to the children.

This car has been a great help in controlling Pedestrian traffic, also very valuable in child safety work.

NEWSBOYS

Many complaints, from the business section of the City were received regarding newsboys panhandling, staying out late at night and involving themselves in petty crimes which caused us much worry. In order to break up this practise and to get the undesirable boys off the street we installed a system of licensing the boys. There is no fee charged.

For a boy to get a permit to sell papers on the street he must first get

working papers from the Attendance Supervisor of the Public Schools. A copy of this paper is brought to Police Headquarters where a badge and a set of rules that we expect the boy to live up to is given him.

As for the boy delivering newspapers, the same regulation applies. Instead of having a badge the delivery boys receive a card with his name, address, age and the name of the person for whom he delivers papers. This system has worked very satisfactory. To do this we would need about one hundred badges which would cost about fifteen dollars.

To date we have thirty-six licensed newsboys selling papers on the street and forty-five delivery boys. Only six boys have had their badges taken away from them. Three for gambling, two for larceny of papers and one for lending his badge to another boy who was not eligible to sell papers. The following are the rules:

- 1—Not to sell papers in or around the Post Office.
- 2—Not to sell papers in or around the railroad station.
- 3—Not to sell papers in or around the theatres.
- 4—Not to sell in front of any store that sells papers.
- 5—Not to be on the street after 7:00 P. M.
- 6—Must keep themselves clean.
- 7—Must not beg or steal.
- 8—Must always return the correct change to a customer.
- 9—Must not go in the rear of stores in the business section at all.
- 10—Must be courteous at all times.
- 11—Badge must be worn where it can be seen.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY
TABLE A—TYPE OF ACCIDENT AND AGE GROUPS

Type of Accidents	Number of Accidents			Number persons killed					Number persons injured					
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	P.D.	Number persons killed				Number persons injured					
					All Ages	5-14	15-24	25-64	65 Over	All Ages	5-14	15-24	25-64	65 Over
Total Traffic	401	5	133	263	6	1	1	3	1	169	42	38	76	13
Motor Vehicle, total	401	5	133	263	6	1	1	3	1	169	42	38	76	13
Collision with pedestrians	45	2	41	2	2	1	....	....	1	46	16	5	18	7
Other Motor Vehicle	292	1	66	226	1	....	1	....	....	102	22	25	50	5
With railroad train	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
With bicycle	10	....	4	6	....	....	....	....	....	5	1	1	2	1
Horse-drawn vehicle	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
With fixed object	18	2	6	10	3	....	....	3	....	9	3	2	4	....
Non-collision	4	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	7	....	5	2	....

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE CITY COURT

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of
the City of Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my YEARLY REPORT for the
YEAR 1936, as follows:—

Appealed Cases	4
Bond Forfeitures	15
Committed to County Jail	67
Committed to County Jail and License Revoked	17
Committed to Greystone Park	5
Committed to House of the Good Shephard	2
Committed to Marlboro (State Hospital)	1
Committed to Trenton (State Hospital)	1
Committed to U. S. Veterans Hospital, Millington	1
Dismissed	660
Fined	1,548
Fined and Licenses Revoked	26
For Other Authorities	63
Held for the Grand Jury	45
Held for the Grand Jury and License Revoked	1
Licenses Revoked (only)	15
Ordered to Support Family	21
Probation	34
Released on Bonds to appear at the Grand Jury	42
Released on Bonds to appear at the Grand Jury and License Revoked	1
Released to appear at other Authorities	6
Sentences Suspended	2,883
Total	5,458
Cases pending disposition	59
Grand Total	5,517

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS:

Cash	\$14,375.15
Bond Forfeitures	195.00
Total Receipts	\$14,570.15

DISBURSEMENTS:

Total Amount of Fines turned over to County Treasurer for Motor Vehicle Violations	\$ 6,384.50
Total Amount of Fines turned over to County Treasurer for Weights and Measure Violations	425.00
Total Amount of Fines turned over to Andrew J. Krog, Health Officer (Board of Health Violations)	246.00
Total Amount of Fines turned over to Arthur W. Magee, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles (Auto Violations)	67.00
Total Amount of Fines turned over to Arthur E. Crone, City Treasurer	3,976.00
Total Amount of Court Costs turned over to Arthur E. Crone, City Treasurer	3,471.65
Total Disbursements	\$14,570.15

Respectfully submitted.

S. Monroe Staats, Clerk,
City Court of Plainfield.

Dated: Plainfield, N. J., January 4, 1937.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Plainfield, N. J., January 1, 1937.

To the Honorable, The Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—

I herewith submit my report for the year 1936 and my recommendations for the year 1937.

The present personnel of this Department is 63, divided as follows:—

FIRE FIGHTING FORCE

- 1 Chief of Department
- 1 Deputy Chief
- 4 Captains
- 4 Lieutenants
- 40 Class "A" Privates
- 2 Class "B" Privates
- 2 Class "C" Privates
- 2 Class "D" Privates
- 2 Probationary

58 Total Fire Fighting Force

DIVISION OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH

- 1 Superintendent
- 1 Lineman
- 2 Helpers

4 Total of Division of Fire Alarm Telegraph

OFFICE

- 1 Department Clerk and Secretary

The past year was a busy one; the Department having answered alarms as follows:—

- 321 Telephone Alarms
- 1 Telephone and Box Alarm
- 50 Box Alarms
- 12 Verbal Alarms

384 Total Number of Alarms
1 Second Alarm

The total losses for 1936, including buildings and contents, amounted to \$66,097.32 on which there was insurance carried in the amount of \$806,974.00 making an excess insurance over the loss of \$740,876.68.

Included in the above figures is the Oxford Theatre fire of May 21, 1936. The value of buildings involved was \$225,244.00 plus the contents \$20,000.00 making a total value involved of \$245,244.00 on which there was insurance carried in the amount of \$235,244.00. The loss on this fire was \$35,042.26 making an excess insurance over loss of \$200,201.74.

The classification of fire losses and insurance carried for 1936 is as follows:—

	Buildings	Contents	Total
Total value of property involved	\$818,619.00	\$133,680.00	\$952,299.00
Total insurance on property	726,494.00	80,480.00	806,974.00
Total Losses	51,160.32	14,937.00	66,097.32
Total exposure losses	None	None	None

I am pleased to report that there were no lives lost as the result of fires this year. (1936)

CAUSES OF FIRES AND ALARMS

Fires Resulting from:	
Unknown	35
Smoking	5
Careless Workmen	6
Children and Matches	2
Gasoline, etc.	3
Fuel Oil Burners	8
Overheated Stoves, Furnaces and Smoke-Pipes	9
Broken or Defective Gas and Electric Fixtures	6
Defective Flue, Smoke-Pipe and Soot	28
Electric Motors	7
Fire Works	2
Explosions	3
Lightning	5
Hot Ashes	5
Sparks from Chimneys, Stoves, or Locomotives	9
Total Number	133
Fires Resulting from other causes:	
Woods, Grass, Brush, or Bon Fires	149
Automobiles—Short Circuit, Back-Fire, or Overheated Motors	38
Total Number	187
Other Alarms:	
False	13
Ammonia and Gas Leaks	4
Overcome by Gas, etc.	7
Smoke Scares	20
Miscellaneous	20
Total of Other Alarms	64
Grand Total of Fires and Alarms	384

OUT OF CITY ALARMS

North Plainfield (Somerset County)	2
South Plainfield (Middlesex County)	1
Total Out of City Alarms	3

MATERIALS USED

36,950 feet of 2½ inch Hose
716 gallons of Chemicals
1,827 feet of Ladders
81 lines of Hose laid
3½ hours Engine worked

COMPANIES AND APPARATUS

Fire Department Headquarters located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street, Telephones Plainfield 6-1500, 1501, 1502, and 1503.

1 Chief's Car (Buick Coupe)

1 Deputy Chief's Car (Studebaker Coupe)

Hose Company No. 1 (Automobile combination chemical and hose) (Mack)

Engine Company No. 2 (Automobile triple combination chemical, hose, and 1,000 gallon capacity pump.) (American LaFrance)

Engine Company No. 5 (Automobile triple combination chemical, hose, and 1,000 gallon capacity pump.) (Mack)

Truck Company No. 1 (Automobile 75 foot Aerial Ladder (American LaFrance)

Truck Company No. 3 (Automobile City Service Truck) (Mack)

Squad Company No. 1 (Automobile Service Car.) (Reo)

Fire Alarm Repair Truck (Automobile Service Truck) (Mack)

Supply Truck (1½ Ton Supply Truck) (Chevrolet)

Engine Company No. 3 located at 730-732 West Fourth Street.

Engine Company No. 3 (Automobile triple combination chemical, hose, and 1,000 gallon capacity pump) (American LaFrance)

Engine Company No. 4 located at 1017-1019 South Avenue.

Engine Company No. 4 (Automobile triple combination chemical, hose, and 750 gallon capacity pump) (American LaFrance)

Truck Company No. 4 (Automobile City Service Truck) (Mack) (Out of Service)

Fire Alarm Telegraph Car located at 906 Leland Avenue, an automobile Coupe (Chevrolet)

HOSE

We have, in service, 12,250 feet of good hose.

HYDRANTS

There is a total of 559 hydrants within the City limits and four just over the City Line, which makes a grand total of 563 hydrants.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH SYSTEM

Our system is of the Gamewell type with 96 Fire Alarm boxes, 13 of which are private. During the year, 5 boxes were changed from the old non-interfering to the new 3-fold type with quick action doors. We have approximately 56½ miles of overhead wires. A 15-inch gong is located in each of the outside Fire Stations; an 18-inch gong with three 10-inch tappers and one 6-inch tapper at Fire Headquarters, one 12-inch gong at Police Headquarters and 6-inch tappers are located at the Electric and Gas Company's plants and other places of importance. One 10 circuit automatic repeater, one 12 circuit switch-board with instruments mounted on it for testing and recharging of batteries, 1 house circuit and 1 local battery circuit in Headquarters, and 6 outside circuits are in use. 1 Alarm transmitter and 4 Alarm registers with paper take-up reels are installed in the various Fire Stations. There are 4 sixty-inch battery racks with 113 cells for operating the Alarm System and 1 twelve-circuit protector board. 1 Sterling 5-Horsepower electric Siren with 1 remote control switch. There are 8 rectifiers. The power for charging the batteries is furnished by the Public Service Electric & Gas Company. One 10-trunk telephone switchboard with 4 trunk lines and 10 extensions is in service.

POLICE ALARM SIGNAL SYSTEM

Our system is of the Gamewell Type with 10 Standard Police Boxes with recall lights and horns, one (1) of which is private and nine (9) of which are located on pedestals. By order of the Police Board, during the year 1935, 6 Police Boxes which were located on poles have been removed; 11 Police Boxes located on poles are out of service but have not been removed and 4 Police Boxes which were located on pedestals have been removed. We have about 40 miles of overhead wires and about 1¾ miles of underground cable which is used jointly with the Fire Alarm Telegraph System. Also, 2½ miles of Police line has been removed and the salvaged wire has been re-used. The following Gamewell equipment is installed at Fire Headquarters: one (1) 160 inch battery rack with 54 two-volt cells and two (2) rectifiers. The following Gamewell equipment is installed at Police Headquarters: a switchboard with a time clock stamp, a four-circuit punching machine and a telephone for making calls to Police Boxes.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM

Traffic lights at sixteen (16) intersections are now in service and one (1) all red traffic signal and bell which is manually operated from Fire Headquarters is located on the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street.

INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS

2,097 inspections of business and factory buildings were made throughout the City during the year 1936.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

460 Special assignments were made during the year 1936. (Theatre details, etc.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would recommend the purchase of 750 feet of 2½ inch cotton, rubber lined, wax and gum treated Fire Hose.

I would recommend the purchase of five (5) new P.N.I. Successive, Non-Interfering Fire Alarm Boxes and replacement of five (5) old boxes with new type.

I would recommend that eight (8) additional men be added to the fire fighting force.

I would recommend the purchase of one (1) truck chassis. (This chassis

to replace the one now out of service at the South Avenue Station. The equipment on the Truck now out of service to be transferred to the new Chassis.)

I would recommend the purchase of one (1) 750 gallon capacity Pumping Engine to replace the old American LaFrance No. 4 Engine which has been in service since 1916.

It is my pleasure to extend to your Honorable Body my sincere appreciation for your co-operation. I also take this occasion to express my recognition of the loyal and valuable services rendered by the Officers and Members of the Department and the Press of the City of Plainfield. I also tender my thanks and appreciation for their valued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

WESLEY J. DUNN, Chief

Plainfield Fire Department.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

1936

To the Honorable Common Council, City of Plainfield, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:—

I beg to submit herewith, my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1936, of fees collected for licenses, etc. issued by this office, as follows:

STATEMENT OF REVENUE

			Fish & Game Commission	City Treasurer
2623 Dog Licenses	@	\$ 2.50		\$ 6,557.50
40 Duplicate Dog Tags	@	.50		20.00
9 Kennel Licenses	@	10.00		90.00
42 Kennel Tags	@	.25		10.50
17 Resident Hunting & Fishing License	@	3.10	51.00	1.70
19 Resident Hunting Licenses	@	2.10	38.00	1.90
19 Resident Fishing Licenses	@	2.10	38.00	1.90
1 Non-Resident Fishing License	@	5.50	5.00	.50
30 Hack Licenses	@	10.50		315.00
26 Truckman Licenses	@	10.50		273.00
40 Cartman with Truck	@	10.50		420.00
11 Cartman with Horse & Wagon	@	5.50		60.50
3 Peddler on Foot Licenses	@	15.50		46.50
2 Peddler with Cart Licenses	@	20.50		41.00
36 Peddler with Truck Licenses	@	25.50		918.00
17 Junk Licenses	@	26.00		442.00
27 Driver Licenses	@	1.50		40.50
5 Auctioneer Licenses	@	25.50		127.50
9 Pool Tables	@	5.00		45.00
154 Entertainment Licenses	@	1.00		154.00
1 Circus License (Downey Bros.)	@	100.00		100.00
1 Circus License (Gorman Bros.)	@	50.00		50.00
1 Entertainment License	@	67.00		67.00
4 Entertainment Licenses	@	17.00		68.00
1 Entertainment License	@	15.00		15.00
2 Entertainment Licenses	@	7.00		14.00
1 Entertainment License	@	5.00		5.00
1 Entertainment License	@	3.00		3.00
Theater Licenses (per seat)	@	.25		
Liberty				254.50
Oxford				409.75
Strand				441.25
Paramount				285.50
42 Bagatelle Licenses	@	15.00		630.00
25 Sound Truck Licenses	@	5.00		125.00
Miscellaneous				11.00
			<u>\$132.00</u>	<u>\$12,046.00</u>
Total amount collected during the year 1936				12,178.00
Amount turned over to the Fish and Game Com.....		132.00		
Amount collected for the City (exclusive of liquor).....			<u>\$12,046.00</u>	<u>\$12,178.00</u>

LIQUOR LICENSE FEES

(Turned over to City Treasurer upon receipt)

19 Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses	@	\$1,000.00	\$19,000.00
14 Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses	@	500.00	7,000.00
11 Club Licenses	@	150.00	1,650.00
Fee for transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License			
No. D-7	@	55.00	55.00
			<u>\$27,705.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Toegel,
City Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER

December 31, 1936.

To the Honorable, the Common Council, City of Plainfield, New Jersey.
Gentlemen:—

I submit herewith the Annual Report of the Streets and Sewers Department for the year 1936.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Considerable time was given to the following eight projects involving the construction of 1.44 miles of storm sewers and .58 miles of sanitary sewers all of which were constructed in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration .

1. Storm and Sanitary Sewer in Watchung Avenue from Cedarbrook Road to Hillside Avenue.
2. Storm and Sanitary Sewer in Watchung Avenue from Hillside Avenue to Woodland Avenue.
3. Storm and Sanitary Sewer in Prospect Avenue from Carnegie Avenue to Kensington Avenue.
4. Storm Sewer in Prospect Avenue from Kensington Avenue to Hillside Avenue.
5. Storm Sewer in Clinton Avenue from West Third Street to West Fourth Street.
6. Storm and Sanitary Sewer in Plainfield Avenue from Huntington Avenue to the City line.
7. Storm Sewer in West Third Street from Halsey Street to Monroe Avenue.
8. Storm Sewer in West Third Street from Monroe Avenue to Lee Place.

In addition to the projects listed above this Department prepared plans for the following work.

1. Storm Sewer in Right-of-Way, Woodmere Place, Sleepy Hollow Lane, and Hilltop Road.
2. Storm Sewer in West Sixth Street from New Street to Liberty Street.
3. Storm Sewer in Berkeley Avenue from Osborn Avenue to Denmark Road.
4. Storm Sewer in Lorraine Avenue from Osborne Avenue to Denmark Road and in Denmark Road from Lorraine Avenue to Fernwood Avenue.
5. Storm Sewer in Lee Place from West Fourth Street to West Sixth Street.
6. Storm Sewer in Monroe Avenue from West Fourth Street to West Sixth Street, and in West Fifth Street from Monroe Avenue to Prescott Place.
7. Storm Sewer in Hillside Avenue from Putnam Avenue to Sunnyside Place.
8. Storm Sewer appurtenances at the intersection of Rose Street and Laramie Road.

Approval of all the above projects has been received from the Works Progress Administration and work will be started early in 1937.

East Fifth Street from Watchung Avenue to Richmond Street was improved during the year as a Public Works Administration Project. The contract for the work was awarded to Thomas Gallo, Irvington, New Jersey; the total cost being \$34,816.11; \$19,540.09 was charged to the City and \$15,276.02 was contributed by the Public Works Administration.

Under the provisions of Local Improvement Ordinance No. 305, Sanitary Sewers were constructed in sections of Oakwood Place, Prospect Avenue and Oakland Avenue. The contract was awarded to Peter A. Drobach and Mario Silvestri of Belleville, New Jersey, the low bidders. The sewer construction has been finished but the work of replacing the street pavement over the trench can not be completed until the Spring of 1937.

Sanitary Sewers were also constructed in sections of Ravine Road, Charlotte Road and in Forest Hill under the provisions of Local Improvement Ordinance No. 306. The contract was awarded to Terrible Construction Company, Inc., Plainfield, N. J. The sewer construction has been completed and the pavement over the trench will be constructed during the Spring of 1937.

Inspections and checking of plans in the Building Division consumed considerable engineering time. Six hundred seventy-eight (678) building permits were issued during 1936 as compared with six hundred nine (609) in 1935. Value of new construction in 1936 was \$746,025.50, which exceeds

the 1935 valuation of new construction by \$254,640.50 or an increase over 1935 of approximately fifty-two (52%).

The following table indicates the increased activities in the Building Division from 1933 to date.

Year	Fees Collected	Valuation	No. of Permits
1933	\$1,843.00	\$450,260.00	390
1934	1,984.50	309,741.00	466
1935	2,652.25	491,385.00	609
1936	3,240.00	746,025.50	678

STREET DIVISION

This Division continued the regular routine of maintaining street pavements, street signs, traffic directional and restriction signs, traffic markings, the maintenance of all motor equipment of all Departments, sweeping and cleaning streets, removal of snow from streets and sidewalks and rendering other services to many other Departments of the City.

On March 15th the duty of servicing and maintaining all motor equipment of all Departments of the City was assumed by the Streets and Sewers Department; the work to be done at the City Garage in the City Yard. For this purpose working hours at the garage were extended so as to provide uninterrupted service every day over a period of thirteen (13) hours. Additional new equipment was installed in the garage to properly handle the increased requirements.

The severe winter of 1935-1936 was responsible for the failure of approximately 11,600 square yards of macadam pavement. During the Spring the work of rebuilding this pavement was done with City equipment and men, with the exception of the rental for a short period of a power shovel and power roller. The budget did not contemplate such a large amount of macadam to be restored in this manner and it proved necessary to appropriate \$7,500. additional to provide for the increased expense. The total cost of the work amounted to \$12,262.30

In 1935 the Department established a policy of repairing and surfacing 300,000 square yards of macadam pavement each year. This was accomplished in 1935 and in 1936 we were successful in maintaining 302,000 square yards of macadam in addition to 12,000 square yards of cinder pavement. Continuing such a program will enable the Department to properly maintain all of our 914,000 square yards of macadam once every three years.

The street car tracks in East Second Street between Richmond Street and Berckman Street and between Netherwood Avenue and Terrill Road were covered with material furnished by the Public Service Coordinated Transport.

During 1935 our expenditures for new equipment amounted to \$730.55—\$550.00 of which represented the cost of a stone spreader and \$180.55 the cost of replacing equipment. In 1936 the cost of replacing equipment amounted to \$23.35, thus, over a two year period only \$203.90 was spent for equipment replacement. Continuing such a program can only result in being obliged to make a very large expenditure in one year in the near future, and so I recommend, every effort be made to appropriate each year sufficient funds for equipment replacement to offset depreciation.

SEWER DIVISION

The Sewer Division continued the usual routine of patrolling pumping stations daily and cleaning sewers. No serious "breakdowns" were recorded. Approximately thirty-six (36) miles of sanitary sewers were cleaned of roots and other obstructions.

I attach herewith a statement of Local Improvement Assessments showing total distribution of costs of Ordinances approved between the years 1919 and 1935, which includes Ordinance No. 201 to No. 300 and a detailed distribution of costs of Ordinance No. 301 to No. 306, also statements of General Improvement Ordinances, Permits issued, and fees collected by the Building Division during 1936, Financial Statement of the Department for the year and Statistical Statement of Streets and Sewers.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge my appreciation of the cooperation re-

ceived from the Mayor, Common Council, and the various Department heads of the City, employees of this Department and to the Committee on Streets and Sewers composed of the following members of the Common Council.

Mr. John W. Zerega, Chairman

Mr. John N. Claybrook

Mr. Richard T. Bueschell

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Bush

City Engineer

STATEMENT OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS, 1919-1936

Ordinance 201 to 300 incl.	Description 1919 to 1935 incl.	Charged to City \$1,315,815.87	Charged to Owner \$1,855,829.80	Contri- butions \$366,884.48	Total \$3,538,530.15
301	Paving Andover Avenue	DEFEATED			
302	Sanitary Sewer in Belleview Ave.	1.00	827.60		828.60
303	Improvement of Dorbett Pl.	88.04	3,645.94		3,733.98
304	Improvement of Beechwood Court	72.62	1,508.48		1,581.10
305	Sanitary Sewers in Sections of Oak- land Ave., Prospect Ave. and Oak- wood Place	NOT YET ASSESSED			
306	Sanitary Sewers in Forest Hill and sections of Ravine Rd. and Char- lotte Road	NOT YET ASSESSED			

STATEMENT OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCES

Ordinance 1001 to 1030 incl.	Description 1926 to 1933 incl.	Charged to City \$902,217.87	Charged to Owner	Contri- butions \$4,000.00	Total \$906,217.87
1031	Storm Sewer from North Ave., Northeast of Berckman St., through private lands and sections of Johnston Ave. and East Third St. to Ter- rill Road	WORK NOT DONE			
1032	Storm Sewer through right-of- way from Loraine Ave. to Dorsey Pl.	1,105.06			1,105.06
P.W.A. DOCKET No. 1386	Reconditioning and resurfacing pavement on East and West Front Sts. from Watchung Ave. to Washington Ave.	39,919.98		16,723.45	56,643.43
P.W.A. DOCKET No. 1413	Reconditioning and resurfacing pavement on Watchung Ave. from East Front St. to East Sixth St.	23,719.44		9,883.86	33,603.30
P.W.A. DOCKET No. 1415	Reconditioning and resurfacing pavement on Park Ave. from Second St. to Seventh St.	24,000.71		10,025.74	34,026.45
P.W.A. DOCKET No. 1057 R	Improvement of East Fifth St. from Watchung Ave. to Rich- mond St.	19,540.09		15,276.02	34,816.11

STATEMENT OF PERMITS ISSUED AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE BUILDING DIVISION FOR THE YEAR 1936

Fees Collected	\$3,240.00
Zoning Appeals	\$ 128.00
Zoning Ordinances	15.00
Building Codes	10.00
Certificates of Occupancy	512.00
Building Permits	2575.00
Total Collected and Deposited	\$3,240.00

CLASSIFICATION

55 for	55 Frame Dwellings and Garages
2 for	2 Frame Dwellings
36 for	36 Frame Garages
73 for	73 Frame Alterations
8 for	8 Frame Alterations and Additions
1 for	1 Frame Alteration and Cement Hollow Block Garage
1 for	1 Frame Alteration and Frame Garage
33 for	33 Frame Additions
293 for	295 Fuel Oil Equipments
1 for	1 Fuel Oil Tank
120 for	128 Signs
1 for	1 Marquise and Marquise Sign
3 for	3 Metal Buildings
1 for	1 Metal Garage
9 for	9 Cement Hollow Block Garages
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block Foundations
2 for	2 Cement Hollow Block Stores
2 for	2 Cement Hollow Block Lubrication Buildings
8 for	8 Cement Hollow Block Additions
3 for	3 Cement Hollow Block Alterations
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block Alteration and Addition
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block Alteration and Frame Addition
5 for	5 Brick Alterations
1 for	1 Brick Laundry Building
3 for	3 Brick Chimneys
1 for	1 Brick Addition
1 for	1 Brick Dwelling
1 for	1 Brick and Concrete Addition
1 for	1 Concrete Foundation
2 for	2 Removal of Buildings
4 for	4 Gasoline Tanks
1 for	1 Alteration to Theatre
1 for	1 Hollow Tile Alteration
1 for	1 Hollow Tile Garage
1 for	1 Steel Alteration

678 PERMITS

The valuation, represented by 678 permits, amounts to \$746,025.50.
Sixteen (16) permits were issued for the demolition of buildings.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
STREETS AND SEWERS DIVISION
as of December 31, 1936.

Budget Appropriations, Street and Sewer Department		
Sewer Division (No. 28-B)	\$17,069.96	
Transferred to Sewer Division, Resolution of Common Council, 12-29-36	450.00	\$ 17,519.96
Street Division (No. 28-A)	\$83,142.50	
Transferred to Street Division, Resolution of Common Council, 12-29-36	1,400.00	84,542.50
TOTAL BUDGET		\$102,062.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Sewer Division		\$ 17,498.25
Street Maintenance and Engineering	\$93,925.50	
Less Credits	9,316.72	84,608.78
		\$102,107.03

COST 1936
STREET DIVISION

Salaries (Net)		\$ 16,268.98*
Wages		34,368.42
Office Supplies		1,253.10
New Equipment		23.35
Materials	\$23,861.59	
Less cash sales from stock to other departments	370.97	\$ 28,490.62
Hire of Equipment		1,264.57
Supplies (including gas and oil)		3,284.88
Maintenance of Equipment (exclusive of gas, oil, and wages).....		2,171.61
City Garage (Supplies)		1,077.66
Street Signs		38.19
City Yard and Buildings		716.26
		\$88,957.64
Less Credits: Truck service and equipment to other departments and other accounts or budgets		4,348.86
		\$ 84,608.78
* Exclusive of cost of engineering on Capital Improvements.		
Cost of Snow Removal		\$25,602.80

COST 1936
SEWER DIVISION

Salaries	\$ 4,723.71
Wages	5,534.28
Maintenance of Pumping Stations, Grounds, Buildings and Machinery	812.64
Utilities and Heat	5,071.32
Equipment repair parts and labor	476.35
Materials	195.59
Supplies	684.36
	\$17,498.25

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

STREETS

Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on concrete foundation (County)	6.40	miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on stone foundation (County)	2.00	miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on concrete foundation (City)	12.79	miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on stone foundation (City)	1.73	miles
Length Streets paved with Bituminous Macadam (City)	21.28	miles
Length Streets paved with Water Bound Macadam (City)....	41.64	miles
Length of Improved Streets (City)	85.84	miles
Length of Unimproved Streets (City)	16.44	miles
Total length of streets in City	102.28	miles
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation (County)	131,742	sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation (County)	11,974	sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation (City)	269,501	sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation (City)	19,845	sq. yds.
Area Bituminous Macadam (City)	340,797	sq. yds.
Area Water Bound Macadam (City)	573,205	sq. yds.
Total Area of Pavements	1,347,064	sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation constructed in 1935	none	
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation constructed in 1936	8,904	sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation constructed in 1935	1,100	sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation constructed in 1936	none	
Area Bituminous Macadam constructed in 1935	1,500	sq. yds.
Area Bituminous Macadam constructed in 1936	3,815	sq. yds.
Area Macadam resurfaced in 1935	1,500	sq. yds.
Area Macadam resurfaced in 1936	7,803	sq. yds.
Area Bituminous surface treatment in 1935	300,000	sq. yds.
Area Bituminous surface treatment in 1936	302,000	sq. yds.
Cost Bituminous surface treatment per sq. yd. in 1935.....	\$0.0483	per sq. yd.
Cost Bituminous surface treatment per sq. yd. in 1936.....	0.0544	per sq. yd.
Amount Bituminous Material used for surface treatment in 1935	94,239	gals.
Amount Bituminous Material used for surface treatment in 1936	93,425	gals.
Cost Bituminous Material for surface treatment applied in 1935	\$0.0623	per gal.
Cost Bituminous Material for surface treatment applied in 1936	0.0844	per gal.
* "Hard Surface"—Sheet Asphalt, Bituminous Concrete, Brick, Concrete, Granite Block, Tarvalithic, Hot-Col, etc.		

SEWERS

Length of Storm Sewers	26.20	miles
Length of Sanitary Sewers	89.10	miles
Number of House Connections on Sanitary Sewers	7,751	
Pumping Stations	6	
Auxiliary Pumping Station	1	

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

December 31, 1936

To the Honorable Common Council, City of Plainfield, New Jersey
Gentlemen;

The Plainfield Shade Tree Commission presents herewith its annual report for the year of 1936.

In the four years prior to 1936 the Commission received insufficient funds to give the street trees the attention required, or to make necessary replacements of the equipment needed to carry on the work. In the past year the Commission has made such replacements and are now better able to handle the work.

We have presented in past years, reports giving the number of trees cared for or given attention, these figures do not give an accurate picture of the time necessary for tree care. In this annual report we have given the amount of man hours required for the various types of work required.

On the streets of Plainfield, are many trees of the silver maple variety, which from past experience have been proven unsuitable for street plantings. It has truthfully been said of this variety "beautiful in youth, ugly in middle age and wrecks long before maturity." This type of tree and the poplars comprise the greater part of the trees which the Commission is called on to remove each year.

The Commission employed in 1936 an average of 4 men, these men worked a total of 6,100 man hours during the year, their time being divided in the work as follows.

The Commission removed during 1936 by request and for various reasons 107 trees. The average time for these removals, including removal of the stump, filling and leveling the hole, removing wood and brush and often relaying sidewalks amounts to 31 man hours or a total of 3,193 man hours for this work.

The second largest expenditure of time is in the trimming of trees for which service many requests are received. On many of the trees given such attention, cabling and bracing operations, cavity work and fertilizing is often required. The average time per tree amounts to 3½ man hours or 1,967 man hour total for the 562 trees cared for this year.

Relative to the above, is the pruning or removal of low limbs which interfere with street and pedestrian traffic. There are many street trees still in need of such work despite the attention given to 1,600 trees during the year in this work. Our total time for this amounts to 400 man hours.

A very important branch of our work which should receive more attention than our funds have permitted, is the very necessary spraying of street trees for protection against insect pests. The actual time spent in spraying each tree is relatively small, but the time consumed in filling the spray tank, adding the materials and moving from one location to another, adds up to a total of 400 man hours for the 2,100 trees given this attention.

We have shown in the preceeding paragraphs for four items of our work a total man hour expenditure of 5,960 man hours out of a total available 6,100 man hours, leaving us a remaining amount of 140 man hours.

With the remaining 140 man hours the Commission has the work of cleaning up during and after storms, removal and inspection for hanging limbs, trimming for street and traffic light clearance, leveling walks raised by tree roots, transplanting trees from driveway construction, planting, staking and fertilizing young trees, repairing injuries to trees from car accidents, supervision of trimming for telephone and electric line clearance, assistance to other City Departments at their request and the care and maintenance of tools and equipment of our Department.

The Commission regrets that it is unable to always give prompt attention to the numerous requests received, from property owners or to make necessary replacement plantings for all trees removed.

We believe that steady and consistant progress is being made and that with new and replacement plantings as needed, Plainfield's street trees will be recognized as a valuable asset in the continued attractiveness and development of the City.

Respectfully submitted,
Plainfield Shade Tree Commission
Mr. Thomas Hylan
Mrs. Garret Smith
Mr. Lithgow Hunter

By, Sydney R. Durrant
City Forester

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable, The Mayor, and Common Council of the
City of Plainfield, New Jersey.

The Recreation Commission submits herewith the fourteenth annual report of activities conducted during the year ending December 31st, 1936.

The city can well be proud of its accomplishments during the past year, in making strides for participation in the "Recreation" program. Many hours were spent in real enjoyment for both adults and children as expressed by attendance figures for all activities. The following activities were conducted and from its diversity can be gleaned at a glance the depth and scope of the entire program.

TEAM GAMES

Baseball, Playground Ball, Touch Football, Bowling, Volley Ball, Cricket, Basketball, Golf League, Lawn Bowling.

SPORTS

Tennis, Badminton, Boxing, Wrestling, Swimming, Golf, Coasting, Archery, Checkers, Dominoes, Marbles, Roller Skating, O'Leary, Jacks, Hop Scotch, Ping-Pong, and Fencing.

GYM CLASS WORK

Marching, Calisthenics, Tumbling, Pyramids, Relays, Game Periods.

CLUBS

Handcraft, Knitting, Golf, Cooking, Socials, Dramatic, Badminton, Radio, Philatelic, Nature, Lawn Bowling, Cricket, and Archery.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hallowe'en Parade, Lighted Christsmas Tree, Hiking, Picnics, Story Hour, Game Room, Puzzles, Rope Skipping, Social Dancing, Tap Dancing, Orchestras, Jug Band, Dramatics, Reading Rooms, Movies, Street Showers, Play Classes, Old Fashioned Dancing, Committee Meetings, and Public Speaking.

TOURNAMENTS

Basketball, Ping-Pong, Badminton, Tennis, Golf, Lawn Bowling, Golf Driving Contest, Putting Contest, Archery, Dramatics, Softball, Swimming, Marbles.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Recreation Commission is greatly indebted to the W. P. A. in providing leadership for this program. To the N. Y. A. for their many assignment of boys and girls during the year. To the Courier-News for its disseminating of news of activities. To the Fire Department for its assistance in promoting street showers. To the Board of Education for its splendid cooperation in the use of their buildings and gymnasiums. To the Police Department for their understanding of our problems with children. To the Jewish Community Center for the use of the pool. To the Shade Tree Department for the use of their truck, and last but not least for the faithfulness of duty performed by the year round staff.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. SCHLENTER, Director of Recreation

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SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Archery	1,523	Marbles	705
Badminton	388	Movies	8,500
Baseball	8,304	Music	4,120
Basketball	8,682	Nature Study	683
Bowling	11,962	Picnics	5,732
Coasting	5,300	Ping-Pong	271
Committees	3,152	Play Classes	1,734
Community Centers	37,285	Playgrounds	185,926
Cricket	1,910	Public Speaking	240
Dances	4,117	Roller Skating	354
Dramatics	1,423	Socials	2,272
Fencing	960	Softball	8,257
Golf	9,961	Square Dancing	892
Gym Classes	748	Street Showers	11,200
Handcraft	2,840	Swimming Pool	16,342
Holidays	20,000	Tennis	16,043
Knitting Classes	214	Touch Football	2,552
Lawn Bowling	2,703	Total	387,295

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

To the Honorable, the Common Council of the City of Plainfield.
Gentlemen:—

The Board of Directors of the Plainfield Public Library and Reading-Room, pursuant to the provisions of law in that behalf, hereby make this their Annual Report, stating the conditions of their trust on the first day of June 1936.

The Following, showing the receipts and expenditures of money verified by the affidavit of the Treasurer, exhibits the sums of money received from the Library Fund and from other sources, and how such monies have been expended and for what purposes.

Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Plainfield Public Library and Reading-Room for the year ending May 31, 1936.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM FOR THE YEAR, JUNE 1, 1935—MAY 31, 1936 GENERAL LIBRARY FUND

RECEIPTS:

From the City of Plainfield on account 1935	\$14,600.00	
From the City of Plainfield, on account 1936	14,000.00	
Librarian's Petty Cash Receipts:		
Fees, overtime book privileges	\$438.63	
Book rentals, Pay Collection	511.95	
Non-resident subscriptions	138.00	
Replacing lost or injured books	148.31	
Telephone, paid calls	3.00	
Reading lists	2.40	
Polling accommodations	12.00	
Refund: Lincoln Account	20.00	
Refund: Tyler Account	3.75	
Refund: Dixie vender	1.73	
Refund: Plainfield Musical Club	4.61	1,284.38
Total Receipts		\$29,884.38
Balance on hand, June 1, 1935		370.52
Aggregate		\$30,254.90

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administration:		
Books	\$2,902.35	
Pay Books	433.00	
Music	5.31	
Pictures and Maps	51.41	
Periodicals and Newspapers	547.90	
Binding	187.21	
Stationery, printing, postage, express	548.45	
Library supplies	390.23	
Publicity	149.90	
Miscellaneous:		
Rental safe box	7.50	
Applied Art Exhibits	100.00	
Attendance, Library Meetings	30.37	
Ticket to New York City	6.28	
Bank tax	2.00	5,361.91
Maintenance:		
Fuel	437.12	
Lights	444.75	
Repairs	2,568.41	
Insurance	643.85	
Telephone	68.85	
Water	59.17	
Ashes	75.95	4,298.10
Salaries:		
Librarian and Assistants	16,336.05	
Janitor and Page	1,675.95	18,012.00
Total disbursements		\$27,672.01
Balance on hand, June 1, 1936		2,582.89
Aggregate		\$30,254.90

THE BABCOCK SCIENTIFIC FUND, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Plainfield Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co. 10% payment on Mortgage Participation Certificates	\$ 80.00
Cash balance, H.O.L.C. Bonds transfer	8.23
Sale \$8,925 H.O.L.C. Bonds	9,055.93

Total receipts	\$9,144.16
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Recording Fee	\$ 3.84
Emily Realty Co. Real Estate Mortgage Participation	8,101.85
Accrued Interest, H.O.L.C. Bonds	13.56
Advance payment tax sale Madison Ave. property	570.28

Total disbursements	\$8,689.53
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Balance on hand, June 1, 1936	454.63
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Aggregate	\$9,144.16
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THE BABCOCK SCIENTIFIC FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Interest, Crane Real Estate Mortgage	\$96.00
Interest, Cropsey Construction Company Mortgage	330.00
Interest, Plainfield Title & Mortgage Guaranty Company Participation Certificate	23.70
Interest, Provident Loan Society Certificate of Incorporation	6.00
Accrued Interest, H.O.L.C. Bonds	13.56
Reimbursement, B.S.L. Principal Account	200.00
Total receipts	\$ 669.26

Balance on hand, June 1, 1935	349.14
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Aggregate	\$1,018.40
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Books	\$ 195.68
Binding	1.65
Periodicals	296.74
Advance to B.S.L. Principal Account	200.00

Total disbursements	\$ 694.07
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Balance on hand, June 1, 1936	324.33
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Aggregate	\$1,018.40
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THE MASON W. TYLER FUND, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Plainfield Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co. 10% payment on Mortgage Participation Certificate	\$ 40.00
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THE MASON W. TYLER FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Interest, Guaranteed Mortgage Participation Certificate	\$ 11.06
Interest, Provident Loan Society Certification of Incorporation	384.00
Interest, Manning Real Estate Mortgage	300.00
Reimbursement: B.S.L. Principal Account	370.28

Total receipts	\$1,065.34
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Balance on hand, June 1, 1935	234.63
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Aggregate	\$1,299.97
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Books	\$ 236.79
Binding	.50
Periodicals	19.50
Advance for tax sale Madison Ave. property B.S.L.	370.28

Total disbursements	\$ 627.07
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Balance on hand, June 1, 1936	672.90
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Aggregate	\$1,299.97
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THE CAROLINE T. LINCOLN FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:		
Interest, Cole Real Estate Mortgage	\$	300.00
Balance on hand, June 1, 1935		6.21
Aggregate		\$ 306.21
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Books	\$	227.14
Periodicals		21.10
Total disbursements		\$ 248.24
Balance on hand, June 1, 1936		57.97
Aggregate		\$ 306.21

ART GALLERY EXHIBITION FUND

RECEIPTS:		
Service charges	\$	90.50
Balance on hand, June 1, 1935		117.77
Balance on hand, June 1, 1936		\$ 208.27

VOCAL MUSIC FUND, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:		
Plainfield Title & Mortgage Guaranty Co. 10% payment on Mortgage Participation Certificate		\$ 20.00

VOCAL MUSIC FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:		
Interest, Guaranteed Mortgage Participation Certificate	\$	8.45
Balance on hand, June 1, 1935		39.53
Balance on hand, June 1, 1936		\$ 48.98

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) O. T. HOUSTON, Treasurer

June 1, 1936
 State of New Jersey } ss.
 County of Union

O. T. Houston, being first duly sworn, says that the above account is just and true both for the charge and discharge thereof.

Sworn and subscribed to before me
 this first day of June, 1936.

(Signed) O. T. HOUSTON, Treasurer.

APPENDIX 1

STATISTICS FOR LIBRARY'S YEAR JUNE 1935—MAY 1936

TOTAL ACCESSIONS, TOTAL WITHDRAWALS AND ACTUAL WORKING TOTALS

	Total Volumes	Total Withdrawals	Working Totals
General Library			
Music Scores	85,799	29,034	56,765
Picture Collection	6,581	87	6,494
Babcock Scientific Library	8,069	1	8,068
Tyler Library of Americana	13,219	1,496	11,723
Lincoln Library of Fine Arts	4,459	88	4,371
	547		547
Totals	118,674	30,706	87,968

SOURCES OF ACCESSIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND TOTAL VOLUMES

General Library			
Volumes June 1, 1935		55,529	
Purchased		1,715	
Gifts		75	
Binding		10	
		57,329	
Withdrawn		564	
Total Volumes June 1, 1936			56,765
Music Scores			
Volumes June 1, 1935		6,486	
Purchased		3	
Gifts		8	
		6,497	
Withdrawn		3	
Total Volumes June 1, 1936			6,494
Picture Collection			
Mounts June 1, 1935		7,718	
Mounts added		350	
		8,068	
Withdrawn			
Total Mounts June 1, 1936			8,068
Babcock Scientific Library			
Volumes June 1, 1935		11,658	
Purchased		99	
Binding			
		11,757	
Withdrawn		34	
Total Volumes June 1, 1936			11,723
Tyler Library			
Volumes June 1, 1935		4,178	
Purchased		195	
Binding			
		4,373	
Withdrawn		2	
Total Volumes June 1, 1936			4,371
Lincoln Library			
Volumes June 1, 1935		523	
Purchased		24	
Binding			
		547	
Withdrawn			
Total Volumes June 1, 1936			547

CLASSIFICATION OF VOLUMES ADDED

Bibliography, General Works, etc.	64	
Philosophy	32	
Theology	108	
Sociology	226	
Philology	18	
Pure Science	118	
Applied Science	122	
Fine Arts	196	
Literature	228	
Biography	185	
Travel	105	
History	120	
Fiction	596	
Picture Mounts	350	
Music	11	
Total		2,479

CATALOG DEPARTMENT RECORD

Number of Library of Congress cards added	2,421	
Number of Library of Congress series cards added.....	127	
Number of new typewritten cards added	5,098	
Total number of cards added during the year	7,646	
Approximate number of cards, all catalogs, beginning of year	207,209	
Total cards, all catalogs	214,855	
Number of cards withdrawn during the year	1,083	
Grand total, cards in Catalogs		213,772
Number of old cards changed	12,316	
Number of Library of Congress cards added: re-catalogued books	6,319	
Number of station cards made	462	
Number of cards in all Shelf-Lists	42,362	
Number of cards added to Shelf-Lists	2,843	
Total cards in all Shelf-Lists	45,205	
Number of cards withdrawn during the year	357	
Grand total cards in all Shelf-Lists		44,848

FURTHER INFORMATION ON VOLUMES ADDED

Departments	Volumes Added upon Publication	Bargain Volumes Added	Cost of New Titles	Cost of Bargains and Replacements
GENERAL LIBRARY				
Adult	766	289	\$1,855	\$645
Intermediate	37	21	72	33
Juvenile	117	102	183	115
TYLER LIBRARY	43	14	184	52
LINCOLN LIBRARY	2	13	6	201
BABCOCK LIBRARY	46		196	

Note: Figures under Volumes cover bills actually paid during the year.

Pay Collection

Total new titles purchased	308
Cost of these titles	433
Rental returns	512

Reference Department

Total Volumes June 1, 1935	19,029	
Volumes added during the year	185	
Total Volumes June 1, 1936		19,214

Periodicals and Newspapers

PERIODICALS:

General:

Adult subscriptions	85
Intermediate subscriptions	1
Juvenile subscriptions	10
Gifts	89
Babcock Scientific and Technical Library	38
Lincoln Library of Fine Arts	6
Tyler Library of Americana	7

NEWSPAPERS	11
Total	247

Total Volumes Repaired, Rebound and Withdrawn

Repaired	4,008
Withdrawn	603
Rebound:	
Books	277
Magazines	10
Total	287

Registration of Active Borrowers

Total Adult and Intermediate Departments—new registration	9,854	
Total Juvenile Department—new registration	3,535	
Total Extension Department—new registration	3,087	
Entire total of active borrowers—new registration		16,476

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT

Total Adult and Intermediate Department Circulation	174,919	
Total Juvenile Department Circulation	27,889	
Total Extension Department Circulation	29,231	
Entire Total	232,039	
Pay Collection Circulation	24,123	
Grand Total		256,162
Net Gain, excluding Pay Collection circulation		1,222

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

Annual Report for the Year Ending May 31, 1936

Date of founding	1881
Population served (1930 census)	34,442
Net valuation of city taxable, 1936	\$60,172,237
Rate of tax levy for library purposes, not to exceed one-half of a mill, law of 1879 and 1896, but this year actually received 44.8%.	
Terms for use:	
Free for lending to residents and taxpayers	
Free for reference to residents and taxpayers	
Subscription to those outside city limits	\$3.00 annually
Total number of agencies	138
Consisting of:	
Central library	1
Stations	4
Other agencies	133
Number of days open during the year (Central Library)	362
Hours open each week for lending (Central Library)	76
Hours open each week for reading (Central Library)	76
Hours of service required of staff	39

BOOK STOCK

	Adult & Intermediate	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes at beginning of year	65,858	6,030	71,888
Number of volumes by purchase	1,717	316	2,033
Number of volumes added by gift	74	1	75
Number of volumes added by binding not otherwise counted	10		10
Total	67,659	6,347	74,006
Number of volumes lost or withdrawn	583	17	600
Total of volumes at end of year	67,076	6,330	73,406
Number of volumes in Reference Department			19,214
Number of volumes in Intermediate Department			3,586
Number of Mounts in Picture Collection, not included in above			8,068
Number of compositions in Music Department, not included in above			6,494
Number of newspapers, periodicals, etc., currently received			247

USE

	Adult & Intermediate	Juvenile	Total
Number of non-fiction volumes lent	91,408	20,764	112,172
Number of fiction volumes lent	97,118	22,749	119,867
Total number of volumes lent	188,526	43,513	232,039
Per cent of fiction lent of total volumes lent	52.58	52.25	52.41
Maintenance expenditure per capita			\$8.49
Maintenance expenditure per circulation			\$1.26
Circulation per capita (1930 census)			7.4
Number of pictures lent for home use			4,713
Other circulation: Music			20,798
Pay Collection			24,123
Intermediate Department			14,804
Students' privilege			8,232
Teachers' privilege			17,443
Evening circulation			66,155
Sunday and holiday circulation			18,158
Babcock Scientific Library circulation			4,090
Lincoln Library of Fine Arts circulation			659
Tyler Library of Americana circulation			2,966
Number of reference books consulted at the building			7,146
Number of persons using the library for reading and study			233,407
Number of persons using the library Sundays and holidays			30,013
Number of persons visiting Art Exhibitions, not included in above			3,200

Registration

	Adult & Intermediate	Juvenile	Total
Number of borrowers registered during the year	1,362	636	1,998
Total number of registered borrowers (new registration)....	10,560	5,916	16,476
Registration period, years			2
Per cent of registered borrowers of population served			47.8
Number on staff, library service			13
Number on staff, janitor service			1

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Directors of the Plainfield
Public Library and Reading Room.

by: (Signed) VAN TUYL BOUGHTON,
Secretary.

(Signed) C. B. TYLER
President

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF HEALTH CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

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*Resigned October 15, 1936

†Appointed September 1, 1936

December 31, 1936.

To the Honorable, The Mayor and The Common Council of the
City of Plainfield, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:—

It is a pleasure to transmit herewith the 48th Annual Report of the Board of Health.

The following figures may be construed as an index of our citizens' health and well being and effectively demonstrate the fact that the people of Plainfield are receiving far more than dollar for dollar value in public health protection.

Estimated population	38,622
Marriage rate per 1,000 population	6.68
Birth rate per 1,000 population	12.14
Still-birth rate per 1,000 population	.49
Death rate per 1,000 population	9.26
Infant death rate per 1,000 births	38.88

The primary objective of public health is to reduce the incidence of communicable infections and other forms of illness to the lowest possible number. That this has been accomplished in Plainfield will be evidenced in the following table:

Diphtheria case rate per 1,000 population	.34
Scarlet Fever case rate per 1,000 population	1.03
Tuberculosis case rate per 1,000 population	.54
Typhoid Fever case rate per 1,000 population	0

The accompanying report of the Health Officer covering in detail the activities of the various divisions of our department for the past year, is earnestly commended.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. VOORHEES, President
ANDREW J. KROG, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$15,893.58	
Laboratory	387.43	
Communicable Disease	1,116.17	
Office	886.45	
Motor Equipment	1,204.77	
Special Fund	618.20	\$20,106.60
Reserve Fund		93.40
		\$20,200.00

RECEIPTS

Reimbursements, fees, fines, etc.

Plumbing Fees	\$ 726.00	
Milk License Fees	400.00	
Garbage and Offal License Fees	99.00	
Ice License Fees	73.00	
Barbers and Hairdressing Establishments	105.00	
Vital Statistic Fees	876.50	
Fines	96.00	
Slaughter House and Poultry Slaughterers' License	20.00	
Examination Specimens	25.00	
Distilled Water	14.00	
Biologics	3.50	
Water Analysis	5.00	\$ 2,443.00

To the Board of Health, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the 48th Annual Report of the activities of the Department of Health.

The science of public health is rapidly forging ahead; new theories and methods of procedure appear almost daily; techniques, considered as the acme of perfection, are accepted and placed into effect, and within a short period are elaborated upon or completely altered as a result of further research.

That this department has maintained a progressive attitude and kept pace with the rapid changes may be evidenced by the fact that this year, for the first time, entry was made in the Inter-Chamber City Health Conservation Contest. This is a competitive contest conducted jointly by the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Public Health Association and health departments participate from all over the United States and its Territories. Awards are based on departmental efficiency and progressiveness. I am pleased to advise that this Department received one of the five honorable mention awards for cities within the population group of twenty to fifty thousand.

Further evidence of progressiveness may be demonstrated by research work conducted by this Department relative to the bacterial count of eating and drinking utensils. This work has been favorably commented upon by many public health agencies and other interested organizations located over the entire United States.

This report is presented in order that those interested may make use of the data embodied herein and in order to attain this end in future analysis of our activities, criticisms or suggestions are earnestly solicited.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Occurring in City	*Occurring out of City	Total Residents	Non Residents	Total
Marriages	218	40	258	98	356
Births	448	21	469	448	917
Still-Births	19	0	19	15	34
Deaths	326	32	358	165	523
	1011	93	1104	726	1830

COMPARATIVE TABLE—RESIDENTS

(Rates are per thousand population and are based on total residents)

Year	Marriages		Births		Still-Births		Deaths	
	No.	Rates	No.	Rates	No.	Rates	No.	Rates
1930	219	6.30	600	17.26	14	.40	324	9.35
1931	212	5.99	606	17.12	17	.48	345	9.74
1932	171	4.74	557	15.45	10	.27	364	10.00
1933	184	5.01	505	13.75	7	.19	366	9.96
1934	221	5.90	500	13.39	8	.21	381	10.20
1935	228	6.00	453	11.92	8	.21	370	9.74
1936	258	6.68	469	12.14	19	.49	358	9.26

*These figures are obtained from copies of certificates received from other municipalities.

NATIONALITY TABLES

Marriages, Births, Still-Births and Deaths

	Marriages		Births		Still-Births		Deaths
	Brides	Bridegrooms	Mothers	Fathers	Mothers	Fathers	
Austria	0	0	6	0	0	0	1
England	1	3	2	5	1	1	8
France	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Germany	1	3	6	4	0	0	7
Ireland	3	2	6	2	0	0	15
Italy	4	8	27	37	1	2	13
Russia	1	2	3	6	1	0	8
Scotland	1	0	3	1	0	0	8
United States	204	194	377	369	16	14	253
Other Countries	3	6	17	21	0	1	10
Not Stated	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
	218		448		19		326

MARRIAGES

The following table will show the marriages according to ages:

	Brides	Bridegrooms
Minors	10	13
Under 25 years	123	80
25 - 30 years	49	66
30 - 35 years	13	20
35 - 40 years	9	13
40 - 45 years	6	5
45 - 50 years	5	4
50 - 60 years	2	5
Over 60 years	1	2
	218	

The following table will show the number of first, second and third marriages:

First	195	194
Second	23	24
Third	0	0
	218	
White	183	183
Colored	35	35
	218	

BIRTHS

Male	Sex		White	Color	
	Male	Female		White	Colored
246		202	368		80
448					
Number of children born in Hospital			350	448	
Number of children born at Home			98		
Number attended by physicians			436		
Number attended by midwives			3		
Number unattended			9	448	

STILL-BIRTHS

Sex		Color	
Male	Female	White	Colored
11	8	14	5
19		19	

PERIOD OF GESTATION

	Full Term	8 Months	7 Months	6 Months	5 Months	4 Months	Total
Native White	8	0	2	0	1	0	11
Foreign White	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Colored	2	0	0	2	0	1	5

NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF MOTHER

	Native White	Foreign White	Colored	Total
First	7	2	3	12
Second	0	0	0	0
Third	1	0	0	1
Fourth	0	0	0	0
Fifth	2	0	1	3
Sixth	0	0	1	1
Seventh	1	0	0	1
Eighth	0	1	0	1
Ninth	0	0	0	0
	11	3	5	19

CAUSE OF STILL-BIRTH

Unknown	5	Prolapsed cord	1
Arthritic pelvis	1	Syphilis	1
Placenta infarct	1	Separation of placenta	2
Frank breech-dystocia	1	Prematurity	1
Injury at birth	1		
Contracted pelvis	1	PLACE OF STILL-BIRTH	
Induced abortion	1	Hospital	15
Cord around shoulders	1	At home	4
Cord around neck	1		
Macerated	1		19

DEATHS

Sex		Color		Conjugal State					Total
Male	Female	White	Colored	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Not stated	
161	165	265	61	66	134	122	2	2	326

AGES

Under 1 week	10	40-45 years	9
1 week - 1 month	1	45-50 years	18
1 month - 1 year	7	50-55 years	25
1 - 2 years	7	55-60 years	32
2 - 5 years	2	60-65 years	23
5 - 10 years	1	65-70 years	37
10 - 15 years	3	70-75 years	39
15 - 20 years	2	75-80 years	31
20 - 25 years	3	80-90 years	47
25 - 30 years	3	90-100 years	10
30 - 35 years	6		
35-40 years	10		326

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

I. Infections and Parasitic Diseases

Septicemia	5
Erysipelas	1
Grippe	2
Influenza	2
Tuberculosis	3
Meningitis	1
Encephalitis	1
	15

II. Cancers and Other Tumors

Cancer	38	
Sarcoma	3	
Dermoid of ovary	1	42

III. Rheumatic Diseases, Nutritional Diseases, Diseases of the Endocrine Glands and Other

General Diseases

Diabetes Mellitus	7	
Addison's Disease	2	
Acidosis	1	
Hypertrophic Osteoarthritis	1	11

IV. Diseases of the Blood and Blood-Making Organs

Hodgkin's Disease	2	
Leukemia	1	3

V. Chronic Poisonings and Intoxications

Chronic Alcoholism	1	1
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VI. Diseases of the Nervous System and of the Organs of Special Sense

Transverse Myelitis	1	
Cerebral Thrombosis	7	
Cerebral Hemorrhage	19	
Acute Mastoiditis	1	
Porencephalic Cyst	1	
Cerebral Embolism	4	
Streptococcus Meningitis	3	
Oedema of Brain	1	37

VII. Diseases of the Circulatory System

Endo and Myocarditis	37	
Angina Pectoris	2	
Arteriosclerosis	14	
Myocardial Decompensation	8	
Coronary Thrombosis	15	
Coronary Occlusion	14	
Cardio-vascular Disease	6	
Internal Hemorrhage	1	
Cardio-renal Disease	3	
Arteriosclerotic Gangrene	1	
Cardiac Hypertrophy	1	
Endarteritis Obliterans	1	103

VIII. Diseases of the Respiratory System

Pneumonia	32	
Pulmonary Edema	1	
Chronic Fibrotic Pneumonitis	1	
Emphysema	1	
Congestion of Lungs	1	36

IX. Diseases of the Digestive System

General Peritonitis	3	
Intestinal Obstruction	3	
Colitis	1	
Inguinal Hernia	2	
Appendicitis	4	
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	
Fecal Fistula	1	
Gastric Ulcer	1	
Retro-pharyngeal Abscess	1	
Post-pyloric Ulcer	1	18

X. Diseases of the Genitourinary System

Chronic Nephritis	29
Uremia	2
Polycystic Kidneys	1

32

XI. Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperal State

0

XII. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue

0

XIII. Diseases of the Bones and Organs of Locomotion

0

XIV. Congenital Malformations

0

XV. Diseases of Early Infancy

Prematurity	8
Intracranial Hemorrhage	1
Asphyxia	1

10

XVI. Senility

Senility	2
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2

XVII. Violent and Accidental Deaths

Falls	4
Homicide	1
Suicide	3
Heat Prostration	2

10

XVIII. Ill-Defined Causes of Death

Probable Cardiac Death	1
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1

Supplement for Group XVII—Violent and Accidental Deaths

Automobile Accidents	5
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INFANT MORTALITY

Year	*No. Births	No. Deaths Under one year	Infant death rate (per 1,000 births)
1926	634	40	63.
1927	667	27	40.
1928	665	33	50.
1929	615	25	41.
1930	591	23	39.
1931	589	32	54.
1932	533	28	52.
1933	491	15	30.
1934	*500	24	48.
1935	*453	10	22.
1936	*469	18	38.38

* This figure is obtained from copies of certificates received from other municipalities.

Maternal Death Rate per 1,000 births 0

INFANT MORTALITY CAUSES

Cause	Color		Sex		Ages								Nativity of Mother			Total
	White	Colored	Male	Female	Under 1 day	1 — 7 days	7 days — 1 month	1 — 2 months	2 — 4 months	4 — 8 months	8 — 12 months	United States	Scotland	Italy		
Cerebral Hemorrhage	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Acute Mastoiditis	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pneumonia	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	5
Prematurity	5	3	4	4	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	1	1	8
Asphyxia	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Septicemia	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	11	7	8	10	7	2	1	2	2	3	1	16	1	1	1	18

HEART DISEASE

Male			Female		
White	13		White	20	
Colored	3		Colored	3	
	—	16		—	23
Total			39		

AGES

5—10 years	0	5—10 years	0
10—20 years	1	10—20 years	0
20—30 years	0	20—30 years	0
30—40 years	1	30—40 years	0
40—50 years	1	40—50 years	0
50—60 years	2	50—60 years	1
60—70 years	1	60—70 years	6
70—80 years	6	70—80 years	7
80—90 years	3	80—90 years	9
90—100 years	1	90—100 years	0
—	16	—	23

NATIVITY

United States	11	United States	19
Germany	2	Germany	0
Belgium	1	Belgium	0
Ireland	1	Ireland	2
Italy	0	Italy	1
Scotland	0	Scotland	1
Unknown	1	Unknown	0
	—		—
	16		23

CONJUGAL STATE

Single	2	Single	5
Married	10	Married	1
Widowed	4	Widowed	17
—	16	—	23

CANCER

Organ	Color		MALE										Nativity					Conjugal State				
	White	Colored	Ages										United States					Other Countries				
			30 — 40 years	40 — 50 years	50 — 60 years	60 — 70 years	70 — 80 years	80 — 90 years	90 — 100 years	England	Russia	Italy	Scotland	Germany	Unknown	Single	Married	Widowed	Unknown			
Stomach	4	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0		
Rectum	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0		
Tongue	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Bladder	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		
Duodenum	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Liver	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Prostate Gland	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		
Jaw	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		
	14	3	0	1	4	4	5	3	0	12	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	9	7	1	
FEMALE																						
Cervix	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Uterus	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	
Stomach	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0		
Lung	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	
Spine	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Mediastinum	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Breast	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Colon	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Vagina	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Liver	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Pancreas	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
	16	5	2	2	7	7	3	0	0	13	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	3	13	5	0	

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Great strides have been made in the prevention, cure, and control of communicable diseases in the past few years, but there are still some infections about which we have a lot to learn.

There is a crying need for prophylactic measures which will place scarlet fever, poliomyelitis, pneumonia, influenza and other infections on the low incidence basis of smallpox and diphtheria.

In the control of venereal diseases it is exceedingly gratifying to note a decided increase in clinic attendance. Our annual compilation shows an increase of thirty-six new syphilis patients and nine additional gonorrhea cases. The data submitted also shows an increase of eight hundred and sixty-one visits to the clinic for treatment, examination and advice.

The following table giving the number of cases and deaths reported during the year is a comparison of the present year with the two preceding years:

	1934		1935		1936	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	65	0	42	0	40	0
Diphtheria	3	0	13	0	13	0
Typhoid Fever	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	39	3	31	8	21	3
Pneumonia	92	31	86	22	93	32
Influenza	2	2	3	2	2	2
Measles	301	0	587	0	35	0
German Measles	3	0	31	0	14	0
Chickenpox	102	0	102	0	43	0
Whooping Cough	58	0	84	0	196	0
Meningitis	0	0	0	0	2	1
Trichinosis	5	0	1	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	0	0	8	2	0	0
Miscellaneous	9	3	15	1	18	2
	681	39	1003	35	477	40

TUBERCULOSIS

Type	Under				Over				W.	C.	M.	F.	M.	S.	W.
	Total	5	5-20	20-40	40-60	60									
Lungs	19	0	2	8	8	1	14	5	14	5	12	7	0		0
Kidney	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0		0
Ankle	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0		0
	21	0	3	9	8	1	16	5	16	5	12	9	0		0

Deaths of residents in Plainfield 3
Deaths of residents out of Plainfield 9
12

No. of deaths of cases reported during 1936 2
No. of deaths of cases reported previous to 1936 10
12

Case rate per 1,000 population 54
*Death rate per 1,000 population 31
*Percentage of all deaths 3.4

* Based on total deaths of residents in Plainfield and out of Plainfield.

VENEREAL DISEASES

New patients were referred to the Clinic from the following sources:

Physicians	31
Muhlenberg Hospital Wards	28
Muhlenberg Hospital Clinics	26
Health Officer of Plainfield, N. J.	14
Health Officer of Westfield, N. J.	10
Self, Family, Friends	27
Medical Case Worker	58
School Nurse of Plainfield, N. J.	1
Employer	5
Annandale Reformatory	1
Charity Organization, Plainfield, N. J.	1
State Board of Children's Guardians	10

Social Service Department, Muhlenberg Hospital	2	
Druggist	1	
Visiting Nurse Association	3	
Parole Officer of State	1	
State Department of Health	1	
Middlesex General Hospital, Somerville, N. J.	1	
Posters on Venereal Disease	2	
School Nurse of Summit, N. J.	11	
		234

Patients were referred to other Clinics and Organizations as follows:

Clinics	8	
Cystoscopic Examinations	2	
Hospital	3	
Physicians	4	
G. Y. N. Service	2	
Elizabeth General Hospital Clinic	1	
Veterans Administration Hospital, Lyons	1	
Clinic at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.	1	
Government Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.	1	
		23

VENEREAL DISEASES

New Patients admitted to V.D. Clinic

	Non-Syph.	Syphilis	Gonorrhea	Total
Male	59	48	18	125
Female	54	51	4	109
	113	99	22	234

Old cases under Treatment

Male	95	2	97
Female	105	2	107
	200	4	204

Number of Cases Discharged as arrested or cured

Male	5	14	19
Female	3	2	5
	8	16	24

Discontinued Treatment without permission

Male	14	14
Female	13	13
	27	27

Number of treatments

	Arsphenamin	Syphilis Mercury, bismuth, etc.	Gonorrhea
Male	675	1336	49
Female	639	1152	....
	1314	2488	49

Number of laboratory tests

	Serologic tests	Syphilis Dark Fields	Gonorrhea
Positive	43		40
Negative	170	2	104
	213	2	144

Total number of visits to clinic for tratment, examination, or advice 4370

Patients:		
White	2703	
Colored	1667	
		4370

Patients readmitted 24

Patients referred for Spinal Wassermans:

Positive	0	
Negative	5	
Not taken	3	
		8

Visits from Ward patients 104

Total free visits 1650

Total number of home and co-operative visits:

To contacts	128	
To delinquents	601	
		729

Total fees collected \$869.60

LABORATORY DIVISION

A well organized laboratory is one of the most important factors in public health control.

Services rendered by this division are the examination of specimens for the diagnosis and release of communicable infections and the bacteriological and chemical analyses of foods, drugs, water, and allied products.

BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK RESULTS

Specimens	Negative	?	Positive	Total
Diphtheria	224	30	37	291
Vincent's Angina	31	1	30	62
Gonorrhea	352	21	90	463
Tuberculosis	72	0	7	79
Typhoid (Widals)	3	0	0	3
Pneumonia (Typing)	0	1	3	4
Streptococcus	1	0	0	1
Rabies	2	0	2	4
Totals	685	53	169	907

FOOD, DRUG, AND MILK SUPERVISION

Studies have been conducted during the year in order to determine the bactericidal value of the various so-called sterilizing commodities recommended for use in conjunction with cleansing of eating and drinking utensils.

This work has demonstrated that the various chlorine liberating preparations are the most satisfactory for use in our local eating and drinking establishments. As a result of an educational program conducted during the latter part of the year, every liquor dispensing establishment and about forty per cent. of the restaurants, soda fountains, and other public places where food is consumed are now subjecting eating and drinking utensils to a rinse containing 200 P. P. M. of available chlorine before they are used by the patrons. There can be no doubt of the fact that this procedure will have a decided bearing on the reduction of orally contracted infections.

Rigid sanitary control is constantly maintained by capable inspectors over all stores dispensing foods or beverages for the purpose of guaranteeing that all foods offered for sale be wholesome and safe for human use.

The suggestion is frequently heard that Plainfield should abolish the sale of raw milk and permit the sale of only certified and pasteurized supplies.

That such a suggestion is only logical can be demonstrated by a perusal of the data available relative to milk borne epidemics which will reveal that raw milk is of major importance in the dissemination of disease.

Our present milk supply is obtained from forty-three creameries which receive milk from approximately five thousand individual dairies located in New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

In spite of the enormous task of supervising a supply of this magnitude, we can boast that few communities, if any, can offer a superior product.

ANALYTICAL WORK SAMPLES

MILK:

Bacterial Counts	1090	
Fats	892	
Microscopic Examination	142	
Special	102	
Total		2226

PRE-PASTEURIZED MILK:

Bacterial Counts	322	
Microscopic Examination	55	
Total		377

CREAM:

Bacterial Counts	210	
Fats	175	
Total		385

ICE CREAM:			
Bacterial Counts	256		
Fats	54		
Total			310
WATER:			
Swimming Pool	31		
City Supply	14		
Other Sources	17		
Total			62
UTENSIL COUNTS	428		
Total			428
DRUG ANALYSIS			
Standard	10		
Sub-standard	1		
Total			11
FOOD ANALYSIS:			
* Standard	54		
Misbranded	7		
Sub-standard	1		
Total			62
TOTAL			3861

AVERAGE ANALYSES OF ALL SAMPLES OF MILK FOR PAST THIRTY YEARS

Year	Fats	Solids	Bacteria Per CC
1906	4.05	13.01	142,000
1910	3.99	13.05	39,000
1920	3.62	13.06	48,000
1921	3.53	12.16	44,000
1922	3.69	12.29	34,000
1923	3.69	12.26	39,000
1924	3.65	12.27	34,000
1925	3.52	12.21	39,000
1926	3.58	12.23	34,000
1927	3.68	12.33	36,000
1928	3.62	12.20	39,000
1929	3.90	12.22	35,000
1930	3.64	12.19	32,000
1931	3.72	12.32	28,000
1932	3.74	12.32	23,000
1933	3.79	12.47	20,000
1934	3.89	12.56	16,000
1935	3.92	12.58	12,000
1936	3.98	12.66	9,000

DOG BITES

Number of persons bitten by dogs	96
Animal brains examined in Board of Health laboratory	
Positive	2
Negative	2
	4
Number of rabid dogs diagnosed by veterinarian	1
Number of persons taking anti-rabic treatment	4

The following is a summary of the visits and inspections made during the year:

Number visits in connection with communicable disease	1,345
Number visits in connection with venereal disease	729
Number inspections in connection with food and drink	5,701
Number inspections in connection with general sanitation:	
General work	11,678
Complaints	821
	12,499
Number inspections in connection with plumbing	810
Total number visits and inspections made	21,084

The following dispositions were made in Police Court this year:

Violations	Penalty
Milk below state standards	\$25.00 fine
Selling milk without a license	\$2.00 fine
Selling fish without a permit and no medical card	\$10.00 fine
Insanitary bakery	suspended sentence
Food exposure	suspended sentence
Foodhandler without medical card	suspended sentence
Foodhandler without medical card	suspended sentence
Beautician without medical card	\$3.00 fine
Offering for sale mislabeled and adulterated food	\$35.00 fine
Offering for sale mislabeled and adulterated food	\$25.00 fine
Offering for sale mislabeled and adulterated food	\$25.00 fine
Offering for sale mislabeled and adulterated food	\$30.00 fine
Offering for sale mislabeled and adulterated food	\$25.00 fine
Installation of plumbing without a permit	\$25.00 fine
Installation of plumbing without a permit	\$25.00 fine
Living in condemned house	suspended sentence
Living in condemned house	suspended sentence
Living in condemned house	suspended sentence

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Mayor, Common Council, and the personnel of the various city departments for their cooperation.

Appreciation is also extended to the physicians, dentists, Muhlenberg Hospital, the various social and welfare agencies and the Plainfield Courier-News for their splendid assistance in the promulgation of our public health program in Plainfield .

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to the Board and Staff without whose unselfish interest, loyalty and intelligent performance of duty this high standard of departmental efficiency could not have been attained.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. KROG, Health Officer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of Plainfield.

Gentlemen:—

Upon completion of my fifth year in office, I wish to submit herewith the report of the Poor Department for the year, 1936.

WELFARE HOUSE

On January 1, 1936, there were twenty-one persons at the Welfare House, fifteen men and six women. In the course of the year, two men and three women were admitted, bringing the total to twenty-six. Five left of their own accord and two died, leaving nineteen persons at the close of the year.

IMPROVEMENTS

The entire outside of the building was painted; a sun parlor was built above the kitchen porch for the use of the women, and two small rooms were made into one large room, which is used as a dormitory. In the men's quarters, the large room on the first floor and the bathroom on the second floor were redecorated and the furniture and floors have all been repainted, leaving the premises at the present time in a perfect condition.

MAINTENANCE OF WELFARE HOUSE

Salaries and wages	\$3,105.11	
Maintenance and upkeep	5,615.33	
		\$8,720.44
Offices of Overseer of Poor		
Salaries	2,545.94	
Office Expenses	366.41	\$2,912.35
Outdoor relief		8,479.23
		\$20,112.02

NON-SUPPORT CASES

In the year 1936, there was a marked increase in the number of complaints for non-support. The total number of 96 complaints were made and disposed of satisfactorily through the City Court, and many other cases of a similiar character were adjusted by agreement through this office.

MONEYS COLLECTED AND DISBURSED

Due to the marked increase in the number of non-support complaints, the sum of \$11,478.72 was received at this office and has been paid to those for whom it was intended, as my receipts will show.

The improved working conditions readily shows that in normal times, these cases will be increased to a considerable extent.

BASTARDY CASES

We had five bastardy cases which were all heard and disposed of in the City Court of Plainfield by Judge William G. DeMeza.

STATE BOARD APPLICATIONS

Applications to the State Board of Children's Guardians for the maintenance and support of fifteen children were made through this office. Eight of these children were accepted by the State Board, three were rejected, and for the remaining four decisions is still pending.

23-B APPROPRIATION

An appropriation of \$3,000 which was to be paid to the Visiting Nurse Association for nursing and infant welfare service to be rendered to indigent families was handled through this office as follows:

Month	No. of Visits	Cost @ \$1.10
June	433	\$ 476.30
July	609	669.90
August	836	919.60
September	849	933.90
Total		\$2,999.70

23-C APPROPRIATION

An appropriation of \$500.00 contributed by the City for special welfare service consisting of shelter, food, and milk to tuberculosis families was also handled through this office under the supervision of Miss Margaret C Holly, Executive Secretary of the Charity Organization Society, as follows:

Month	Amount
May	\$ 57.60
June	77.18
July	54.09
August	86.06
September	101.71
October	94.53
November	25.75
	\$496.92

The Welfare Committee, composed of Mr. John N. Claybrook, Chairman, Mrs. Anita S. Quarles, and Mr. Dixon C. Phillips, held meetings twice a month; and at such meetings, Mr. Albert W. Drake, Director of Welfare, Mr. Arthur J. Williams, Mr. Louis H. Miller of the Charity Organization Society, Miss Margaret C. Holly, Executive Secretary of the same organization, and the Overseer of the Poor were present.

I wish to express at this time my appreciation to the Mayor, to the Common Council, to the Welfare Committee, and to the various Department heads of the City for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELPIDIO YANNOTTA, Overseer of the Poor.

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